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# No Final ban

It is nothing short of a tragedy that Steve Foster, Brighton's best player, will not be available to boost his club's hopes of winning the F.A. Cup for the first time at Wembley on Saturday.

Foster, one of the country's most powerful central defenders and vital to Brighton's chances, will be idling in the stands as his team-mates face the most gruelling test of their playing lives against Manchester United.

Brighton's hopes of beating one of Europe's most powerful teams are seriously damaged by Foster's suspension.

To lose one player is bad enough, to lose their most influential player is a sickening blow to Brighton's hopes.

Remi Moses, Manchester United's ball-winning midfield star, also misses the game through suspension.

He is just as guilty as Foster, but the depth of talent in United's impressively strong squad softens the blow, with the Northern giants remaining firm favourites to win the Cup.

## SHOOT view!

The Football League are right to toe the disciplinary line when players bring the game into disrepute, but we believe that the punishment should fit the crime.

To deny a player a Cup Final appearance, a once-in-a-lifetime occasion for most, is harsh indeed.

Surely the ban Foster and Moses received is too severe. Would the athletic authorities prevent Seb Coe from running in an Olympic Final because he had abused an official? The Cup Final is an "Olympic" occasion for footballers and only the most serious soccer crime should stop a player from enjoying it.

If players are booked in League matches before the Cup Final they should be banned from League games that season, or at the start of the following season. Suspension should not apply to Cup-ties.

That way English football's greatest day would be protected from the loss of crowd-pulling players, and teams the loss of match-winning stars.

**I**F I'm lucky enough to receive the F.A. Cup from the Royal Box at Wembley on Saturday, I shall savour every second of the most thrilling moment of my career... and spare a thought as well for someone not lucky enough to be sharing the glory with the Manchester United team.

I'm referring to the absence of my talented midfield colleague Remi Moses, who has been cruelly robbed of an honour that some players never experience in a footballing lifetime.

I feel thoroughly sickened about Remi's ban. In saying that, I would also like to extend my sorrow to Brighton, who have lost Steve Foster.

Both Remi and Steve are the victims of a terrible injustice. It's quite wrong that bookings collected in League games should result in players being banned from

Cup ties. Steve Foster has been particularly harshly treated. He has had to play his heart out in trying to save Brighton from relegation. Every game was a Cup Final to him. The last thing he could afford to do was shirk a tackle.

Sadly, the penalty for his effort is a seat in the Wembley stands, not far from our Remi. But we shouldn't dwell on misfortune in a week that has sent Cup fever coarsing through Old Trafford.

I must just make one point about Remi. He's been called United's

'hatchet man' and dismissed also as a 'runner and tackler'.

Remi's contribution to our F.A. Cup run, highlighted by wins against West Ham, Luton, Derby, Everton and Arsenal on our way to Wembley, demonstrated his vision and ability to make early passes to Frank Stapleton and Norman Whiteside.

Watch his off-the-ball runs too. His surges take opponents with him which gives me space.

Having said that, I'm not in favour of Remi or Steve getting Cup Final medals.

Ron Atkinson asked me if I'd like a Milk Cup Final medal, having played in the earlier games but missing the Final. I declined, and I don't think Remi would want one either.

The 'experts' are saying we'll



## Shoot's BRYAN ROBSON forecasts

# UNITED WILL WIN THE CUP FOR REMI

**J**IMMY Case is experiencing a tingle of excitement that he admits he thought he would never feel again.

Brighton's most successful player in terms of past honours is only 90 Wembley minutes away from completing a set of medals that would make him the envy of all but a handful of players in



# POWERMAN Jimmy Case

British football.

Yet the day he walked away from Liverpool, Case resigned himself to finishing his career without a coveted F.A. Cup winners' medal.

"With all due respect to Brighton they had never been beyond the Fifth Round in their history and I assumed that my career there would be all about consolidating First Division status and helping put the club on the football map," says Case.

"But this season has been an astonishing mixture of agony in the League and ecstasy in the Cup."

The big-match experience Case brought to The Goldstone Ground

when he joined Albion in the summer of 1981 has paid handsome dividends.

"Yes, my six glorious years at Anfield will never be repeated. I know they were the peak of my career and now I am armed with a knowledge that very few of the rest of the Brighton lads have — how to cope with occasions such as the Cup Final.

"With Liverpool I won four League Championship medals, three from the European Cup, one UEFA Cup and a winners and runners-up award from the League Cup."

But it was the F.A. Cup Final of 1977 that saw Liverpool and Case come so close to an astonishing

Case hammers Brighton's Sixth Round winner against Norwich.

treble of League, Cup and European Cup!

"We faced Manchester United in what proved to be a tight and exciting match. Both sides enjoyed periods of supremacy and I am still very proud of the equaliser I hammered in on the turn.

"But United sneaked it with a goal deflected wide of Ray Clemence by Jimmy Greenhoff and our treble went up in smoke." Case joined his favourite club at 18 and played two years as a semi-professional before turning pro.

"It was an education; so many big games, tense occasions and chasing honours.

Going back to Anfield as a Brighton player in the Fifth Round, and scoring in front of the fans who had lifted me to great heights in the past, was a very strange experience. I was so glad for Brighton yet so sad for my former club."

Albion will rely heavily on Case at Wembley. His explosive shooting power has already made him their top scorer in the Cup.

walk all over Brighton. I'd like to remind them about what happened to Hull, red hot favourites to win the Rugby League Cup Final, who collapsed against rank outsiders Featherstone Rovers.

I'm not suggesting that Wembley will see another shock result, but Brighton's record against so-called big clubs this season is impressive.

They beat Manchester United at home last November, drew with us at Old Trafford in March, beat Liverpool 2-1 at Anfield in the F.A. Cup in February, and then drew 2-2 with the League Champions at home in March.

And any team with two match winners as dangerous as Jimmy Case and Michael Robinson should never be underestimated.

I've played in enough sudden-death matches to know that one Case cannonball could turn the game against us.

Tony Greulich, replacement captain for Foster, is another Brighton player I admire.

He will try to run the midfield,

driving Brighton forward and plugging gaps at the back as well.

But my family and friends are not taking a mini-bus down the M1 from the North-East to see United lose.

My entire allocation of Cup Final tickets has been distributed to the family. Mum is one of ten brothers and sisters — and they'll all be there!

So will my footballing brothers Justin, of Newcastle, and Gary,

Norman Whiteside (right) could be the Wembley match-winner who brings some consolation to our suspended team-mate Remi Moses (below).



Robinson enjoys the acclaim after the Semi-Final victory at Highbury.

# Why 'Robbo' wears winning smile

**E**VERY time Mike Robinson hears someone insist that Manchester United are the hottest F.A. Cup favourites for years, that famous grin threatens to touch both earlobes.

The Brighton centre-forward believes that United's pedigree, support and the millions of pounds it cost to bring them together all add up to one thing — pressure!

And reflecting the cavalier attitude of manager Jimmy Melia, Robinson says: "We are going to enjoy one hell of a day at Wembley. Why? Because no matter what we do we can't go wrong."

"Nobody seems to give us a prayer. They all seem glad that 'little' Brighton has reached the

Final, but only, I suspect, because they expect to see us taken apart by United.

"Well I know one thing, the atmosphere in the United camp must be tangible. Those lads know that anything other than a clear-cut triumph will be viewed as total failure, a disaster for Ron Atkinson. They lost the Milk Cup Final and know that they must end this season with something."

"That leaves us to stride out from that tunnel with a smile and a determination to make everyone proud of us. Just take a glance at some past 'red-hot' favourites and see what happened to them — Leeds in 1973? United in 1976?

Arsenal in 1978? Arsenal in 1980? Yes, they lost."

Robinson is known for his hatred of losing and admits: "I feel totally devastated in defeat. I cannot be philosophical about it, I just become moody, angry and impossible to live with. Now I don't fancy a Cup Final weekend in that state of mind, so there's another massive incentive."

Ironically, Robinson believes that his nightmare season at Maine Road under Malcolm Allison did him more good than harm, and set him on the road to becoming a player of international quality.

"I was still learning my trade with Preston North End when

who made his debut for West Brom recently.

I can expect plenty of advice from dad. He was a good amateur player and would have had a trial for Sunderland if he hadn't been called into the services."

I'm hoping that our recent Milk Cup Final appearance will kill off some of the nerves that affect Cup Finalists.

Norman Whiteside, whose Milk Cup Final goal is one of the greatest ever seen at Wembley will clearly not be overawed after that experience.

No scoreline predictions, but I'm confident Manchester United can win the Cup for the fifth time.

No player will be more pleased if we do than Remi Moses!

*Bryan Robson*

## HOW THEY GOT THERE

### MANCHESTER UNITED

**THIRD ROUND**  
West Ham (h) 2-0 (Coppell, Stapleton)  
**FOURTH ROUND**  
Luton (a) 2-0 (Moses, Moran)  
**FIFTH ROUND**  
Derby (a) 1-0 (Whiteside)  
**SIXTH ROUND**  
Everton (h) 1-0 (Stapleton)  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Arsenal (at Villa Park) 2-1 (Robson, Whiteside)

### BRIGHTON

**THIRD ROUND**  
Newcastle (h) 1-1 (Ritchie)  
**REPLAY**  
Newcastle (a) 1-0 (Ward)  
**FOURTH ROUND**  
Man. City (h) 4-0 (Case, Smillie, Robinson 2)  
**FIFTH ROUND**  
Liverpool (a) 2-1 (Ryan, Case)  
**SIXTH ROUND**  
Norwich (h) 1-0 (Case)  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Sheff. Wed. (at Highbury) 2-1 (Case, Robinson)

Allison paid a staggering £750,000 for me in 1979. I'd never kicked a ball in the First Division and the fee was terrifying.

"We were an expensive team that rarely played like a team. The fans and media gave us hell and the pressure was awful. But I finished top scorer with nine goals during my season there and if I had cost around £200,000 — a price that at that time would have been realistic for me — I would have been hailed as a young striker with bags of promise."

But when Brighton brought him to Sussex for £400,000, Robinson proved what Allison had always believed — that he is a strong, direct, brave and very dangerous centre-forward with an instinct for goals.

"I scored 22 in my first season here and would have been happier then to have been described as a player worth close to £750,000. But by then the bottom had fallen out of a crazy market."



**G**ORDON McQueen can't believe his luck. Over the past five or six years he's got to know the treatment table at Old Trafford almost as well as his own bed. But now at last the injury jinx seems to have gone away.

If you think that's an exaggeration just look at the record of the giant Scottish centre-half.

At the start of this season he'd played 25 fewer League games for Manchester United than he did for Leeds. And that was six years after his record transfer across the Pennines!

"In those six years I'd played only 115 League games for United and I thought I was never going to be rid of injury. I don't feel I've ever been able to show the fans here the real Gordon McQueen. Not until this season that is."

Gordon has steered clear of trouble to such an extent this season, that along with Arthur Albiston and Frank Stapleton, he's played most games for the club.

"I have the feeling now that I'm not going to get injured and you've no idea how fantastic a feeling that is after all the disappointments." Gordon wants to put the record straight on May 21 as well because he's never had the best of luck at Wembley either.

"The old stadium owes me a few favours. I've been there a few times and I've come out a winner only once."

"My first visit was with Leeds for the 1973 Cup Final against Sunderland. We must have been

the hottest favourites ever. I wasn't in the side but I was in the squad and was as heartbroken as anyone when we got beaten."

"I was with Leeds when Liverpool beat us in the Charity Shield, Billy Bremner and Kevin Keegan both got sent-off, and of course, that last time I played in a Cup Final was for United against Arsenal and we lost 3-2."

"Although I scored in that match it was a nothing sort of goal and in the end it didn't count for anything."

Gordon's only other goal at Wembley produced the happiest moment of his career.

"Oh yes, to score for Scotland when we beat England 2-1 in front of the biggest following Scotland has ever had for an international



match was an indescribable thrill. There must have been 90,000 Scots at Wembley that day and to get the winning goal made up tenfold for all the other disappointments at Wembley.

"I believe there are no 'favourites' for a Cup Final. Some people may have written off Brighton but we certainly haven't. Just like the Leeds v Sunderland and Manchester United v Southampton Cup Finals the occasion will always produce shocks."

"We're not taking anything for granted. Brighton usually do quite well against us too and my battles with Michael Robinson are fairly even so we now it won't be an easy ride."



at St James' Park in the replay, on January 12. I've kept myself in the side since then and my confidence has grown with every game."

Smillie probably needed nothing more than that boost to his confidence, and despite Albion's tough relegation battles, he has continued to provide Melia with just the type of player his style of

football requires, a player capable of playing wide.

"Yes, I give the side width. They know I'm out there and when things get too tight in the middle I can take the ball and take men on. I



## Neil Smillie will go for the throat

Neil Smillie appreciated the generous applause from the home fans as he pounded back to take up a workmanlike position, letting it seep into his body to fuel his growing confidence as a First Division player of considerable note, and one just a dream away from the F.A. Cup Final.

Last summer he was packing his bags after a football lifetime with Crystal Palace that fizzled and spluttered, threatening to catch alight only to be extinguished repeatedly by managerial changes.

After a spell in the United States, Smillie discovered that his expired contract at Selhurst Park left him with an offer worth not one penny

rut at Palace.

"I played in the first two games of this season, but we lost the second, 5-0 to West Bromwich Albion, and Mike Bailey dropped me. Then it was the bench followed by the reserves until October 26, the Milk Cup replay against Spurs."

"We lost 1-0 and out I went again until November 20 at Watford where we took a 4-1 drubbing. Bailey went soon after that and I found myself back on the outside looking in when Jimmy Melia took over."

"I was sub when we played Newcastle at home in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and came on

more than he got before. It was all beginning to depress the 24-year-old Barnsley-born winger... until Brighton stepped in."

"The deal was an exchange between me and Gary Williams, one which went through after talks. That was last July and I was glad because I'd begun to feel in a

# real



have the confidence to take on any full-back in the League. I give them their due respect, but that's all."

"In our situation you have to work hard defensively as well. I agree with Steve Coppell who said that a winger is a barometer of his team. When things are going well the winger will get forward, attack the line, get the ball across and make things happen. But when you are up against it the winger is often working back in his own half, covering, tackling and grafting."

"What excites me is that Jimmy

Melia has made it clear to us that there will be no change in his attitude for the Final. We will go out to attack with three men up front, going for the win... and United's throat."

"I anticipate a tremendous battle with Arthur Albiston, against whom I've played twice before. He does a lot on the ball as well as good work defensively, but he holds no fears for me."

"I'm the winger he has to stop, and if he fails then Mike Robinson and the lads will see as much of that ball as I get supply."

## WEMBLEY'S NEW FACES

**B**RIGHTON'S magnificent march to their first F.A. Cup Final continues a recent trend that's seen a number of completely new faces at the Wembley showpiece.

After years of familiar names adorning the Cup Final match programme the levelling-out process, which many administrators and supporters believe is closing the gaps between the Divisions, is sprinkling the most famous knock-out competition in the world with debut Finalists.

Brighton's success comes after an 83-year history during which they never before went beyond the Fifth Round!

Yet in a season that has been fraught with an unsuccessful relegation battle, the Sussex club has swept aside Newcastle United, Manchester City, Liverpool, Norwich and Sheffield Wednesday — shattering tradition and making nonsense of the so-called form-book.

All competitions have deep-rooted traditions. The F.A. Cup is no exception. And where some clubs — Liverpool with 14 titles are prime examples — excel on the League front without ever achieving the same measure of success in the Cup — Liverpool have two triumphs to show from a 91-year history — the likes of Spurs, with seven Cup triumphs, have won just two League Championships in 101 years!

Those clubs dismissed by Brighton this season have, between them, no fewer than 30 F.A. Cup Final appearances. But it seems that long-standing 'Cup sides' are no longer guaranteed any advantage because of their past.

In the past decade no fewer than four clubs have reached Wembley for the first time.

This is a fascinating statistic when you consider the figure in comparison with the three preceding decades.

In the ten years up to 1972 only one new face, that of Leeds

United in 1965, appeared in a Final. All the rest, winners and runners-up, had appeared in Finals before.

The decade up to and including 1962 again produced only one debutant, Luton Town, in 1959.

And from the end of the War to 1952 only three clubs — Charlton (1946 and 1947), Blackpool (1948) and Leicester City (1949) — were seen in their first Finals.

The past decade has certainly made up for that. Fulham rocked the football world by shattering First Division opposition to reach the Final in 1975 before losing 2-0 to West Ham.

Then came the underdogs Ipswich to beat highly-fancied Arsenal in 1978.

### Capitalise

Queens Park Rangers had no luck whatsoever against Spurs last season, drawing their first meeting 1-1 and failing to capitalise on their approach play in the replay after conceding, and ultimately losing by, a seventh minute Glenn Hoddle penalty.

All this adds fuel to the argument that all concerned should stop using the expression 'giant-killers'. Because more and more games are so predictably resolved — with the so-called 'giants' dumped out, that only when a First Division club actually survives a meeting with a team from a lower division should the headlines ring out.

All of which adds to the magic of the F.A. Cup.

Brighton's achievement means that there are now 51 clubs in the League still waiting to appear in their first Final — more than half the total of 92.

But if the figures of the past decade are anything to go by this trend is definitely changing.



Brighton's Semi-Final victory at Highbury gives them their first Wembley appearance.





**CUP FINAL SPECIAL**

# CROSS TALK

## BIG RON v THE BALD SEAGULL

**T**HIS year's F.A. Cup Final managers are two larger than life characters both hoping to win their first major honour as a soccer boss. **SHOOT** brings together United's Ron Atkinson and Brighton's Jimmy Melia for a lighthearted build-up to the big day at Wembley.

**RON ATKINSON:** Hello James nice for two Liverpool lads to be at Wembley together isn't it?

**JIMMY MELIA:** That's right Scouse. When we knocked Bob Paisley's lads out I told him — don't worry, I'll still be at Wembley representing the old city.

**RON:** That's right. You just can't keep Liverpool out of Wembley one way or another.

**JIMMY:** Mind you, you never played for The Reds, Ron.

**RON:** No, there was always some bald-headed old so and so keeping me out. He could play a bit that chap, but he never had my commitment.

**JIMMY:** He didn't need it, he had skill and he could score goals. Didn't they call him Melia?

**RON:** Right in one, Jimmy, whatever happened to you?

**JIMMY:** Ah well, while you were living it up in the posh parts of Britain, graduating in Oxford and Cambridge, I was serving my apprenticeship with less glamorous clubs like Aldershot and Southport.

**RON:** That won't have done you any harm, pal. Don't forget I was with Kettering too, it's not always been West Brom and Man. United. Anyway, it's nice to know you'll be walking out alongside me at Wembley. You'll make me look as though I've got a few hairs on my head!

**JIMMY:** I hope you're as hairless as me at the end of the day. Will you be wearing any special jewellery?

**RON:** Only after the match. I should have a gold medallion to add to the collection then.

**JIMMY:** Don't be too sure about that Ron. If our name's written on that Cup we'll be only too pleased to take it back to Brighton. They've written us off before every match so far and we like it that way.

**RON:** I tell you what, Jimmy, it'll be a different atmosphere to the



last time we walked out on a pitch together.

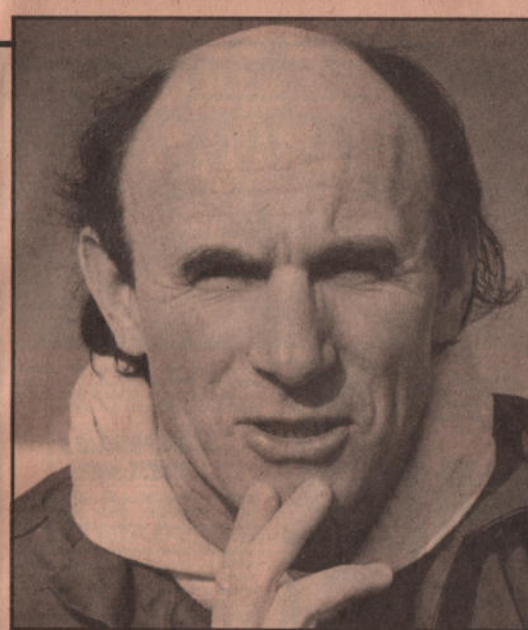
**JIMMY:** Yes, what a memory. Southampton against Oxford wasn't it? As I remember it you were big and strong, enthusiastic, but you couldn't run.

**RON:** I didn't have to. I could catch you without breaking into a sweat. Do you remember you tried to sell me a dummy but I was too thick to read it?

**JIMMY:** They can say what they want. It's you and me walking out at Wembley and I'm going to love every minute of it. You've had more of the limelight than me down the years but now I've tasted a little bit I can't get enough.



A not-so-bald Jimmy Melia scores for Liverpool in a Second Division game at Leyton Orient in 1959.



Atkinson during his playing days with Aston Villa.

**RON:** Yes, I saw that dash you made at Highbury without your jacket — but you were entitled to be happy. People talk about pressure in the game — I love this sort of pressure and I hope it carries on until I retire.

**JIMMY:** That could be Saturday, May 21, if we beat you.

**RON:** No chance. I hope it's a great game to live up to the occasion, though.

**JIMMY:** So do I. There's one thing about the Final. Nobody goes for a draw so it's down to who's got the stomach for the fight on the day. We've had terrific support and as you know it's the first time Brighton have ever been to Wembley so I'm really pleased for the fans who've given great encouragement.

**RON:** Yes, it's the fans' day as much as yours, mine and the players'. As you know, we have the best support in the country and it's time we gave them a Cup to crow about. Liverpool have had things too much their own way for too long and I say that as a Liverpoolian.

**JIMMY:** That's right. I felt sorry in a way when we won at Anfield, but then Liverpool don't need anybody's sympathy and it's good for the game if the honours get shared around.

**RON:** True, so long as they go to Old Trafford!

**JIMMY:** We'll be out to make sure they don't. Anyway I probably won't talk to you again until the big day. See you in the tunnel, Ron.

**RON:** Aye, and don't forget to pop into our dressing room afterwards Jimmy. You'll be welcome to a drop of champagne.

## SECRETS OF THE BOSSES

### Ron Atkinson

**1** Ron Atkinson was born in Acanthus Road, Liverpool, on March 18, 1939. He was still an infant when his family moved to the Midlands and he started his football career as a youth player with BSA Tools FC.

**2** Wolves and then Aston Villa released him as he struggled to establish himself as a senior player.

**3** He and his younger brother, Graham, signed for Southern League Oxford United and quickly established themselves as first team players when the club were elected to the Fourth Division in 1962.

**4** Manager Arthur Turner quickly recognised his leadership qualities and made him club captain at the age of 20. He played in all 46 matches when Oxford won promotion from the Fourth Division in 1965.

**5** He was such a powerful force in midfield that he earned the nickname 'The Tank' and had his most rewarding season in 1967-68 when he helped drive Oxford to the Third Division Championship.

**6** Atkinson was planning an office manager's career in Oxford when Kettering offered him a job as player-manager. He accepted and steered them to two Southern League Championships.

**7** He returned to League football as manager of Cambridge United and piloted them to the Fourth Division title in 1977. They were sitting in third place in the Third Division the following season when he was lured to the First Division by West Bromwich Albion.

**8** A flamboyant character, he quickly gained a reputation for being a stylish showman. He created a West Brom team in his own image and he led them into Europe three seasons out of four.

**9** The prize for his impressive record at West Brom was one of the top jobs in Europe — manager of Manchester United. He was appointed in the summer of 1981 at a reported salary of £30,000.

**10** Atkinson has earned his king's salary this season by guiding United to two major Finals (Milk Cup and F.A. Cup) and to a challenging position in a League title race dominated by Liverpool.

### Jimmy Melia

**1** Jimmy Melia was born in Penrhyn Street, Liverpool, on November 1, 1937. He grew up in a terraced house with five brothers and six sisters. Liverpool signed him as an apprentice in 1952 after he had played for England schools.

**2** Bob Paisley had just been appointed reserve team trainer and Jimmy claims it was Bob's nugging that made him prematurely bald!

**3** He made his debut for Liverpool in the Second Division when he was 18. He played at inside-left with his schoolboy idol Billy Liddell partnering him on the wing.

**4** When Bill Shankly took over as manager in 1959, he made Melia a first team regular and he was a key man in the 1962 Second Division Championship side. Two years later he won a League Championship medal.

**5** All Ramsey rewarded him with two England caps in 1963, the first against Scotland when England were beaten 2-1 and then against Switzerland. He scored one goal in an 8-1 victory in Basle.

**6** Melia moved from Liverpool to Wolves in 1964 for £50,000. He played only 24 League games for the Molineux club before joining Southampton for £30,000 just eight months later.

**7** He helped Southampton win promotion to the First Division and then took his midfield scheming skills to Aldershot, where he became player-manager. After three years, Aldershot were still stuck in the Fourth Division and he was dismissed.

**8** After a spell as player coach at Crewe, he journeyed via Southport to the Middle East and then to the United States where he gained valuable coaching experience.

**9** Melia was working at Brighton as an assistant coach when manager Mike Bailey was sacked this season for allegedly producing a boring team. He was given the manager's job but only in an acting capacity.

**10** Victory over Liverpool in the F.A. Cup set Melia up for the permanent job of Brighton manager and he motivated his team all the way to Wembley despite the pressure of a non-stop relegation battle.



## Dougan sensation

HAVE you heard the one about the Irishman who posted a transfer request on the morning he was due to play in an F.A. Cup Final?

It was Derek Dougan, who put in his demand before joining his Blackburn team-mates for the 1980 Final against Wolves. Blackburn were beaten 3-0.

"I have to concede that it was a stupid thing to do," he admitted years later. "But I was young and head-strong and felt I needed to make my point as strongly as possible."

The 'Doog' has grown up since then and after service as one of the PFA's most dynamic chairmen he has become the mastermind behind the salvation and promotion of Wolves.

## Young's blunder

GERRY YOUNG, stalwart Sheffield Wednesday defender, will never forget the blunder that presented Everton with the F.A. Cup in the 1966 Final at Wembley.

He waited to collect a harmless punt upfield from Everton goalkeeper Gordon West and suffered the nightmare experience of bungling what should have been a simple exercise in ball control.

He watched in horror as the ball slid off the outside of his boot into the path of Everton outside-left Derek Temple, who raced away to score the winning goal.

Young, an England international, said later: "It was the sort of ball I would



Under today's protective rules for goalkeepers, Lofthouse would have been sent-off. But his physical contact was then considered perfectly legal and the goal was allowed to stand. It was his second goal of the match and Bolton won 2-0.

Tommy Hutchison heads the first of his unlikely 'double' in the 1981 Final.



to go and then snatched an instant equaliser with a free-kick. Derby took complete command when the match went into extra-time and won 4-1.

## McCreadie's mess-up

EDDIE MCCREADIE experienced the horrors of Wembley while playing for Chelsea against Leeds United in the 1970 Final.

The Wembley pitch had been badly cut up by showjumping horses and so much sand had been spread over the sacred turf that it resembled Southend with the tide out.

This led to some unpredictable bounces and McCreadie became a 'beached' victim in the 21st minute.

Jack Charlton managed to get his head to an Eddie Gray inswinging corner. McCreadie was positioned on the goal-line and had what looked the simple task of clearing the ball. But it failed to bounce on the sand and goal area and he kicked right over the top of the ball as it trickled over the line.

The Final — remembered as a game of beach football — ended all square at 2-2, with Chelsea winning the replay at Old Trafford.

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normally have been able to trap blind-fold. I wanted the ground to open up and swallow me when my mistake led to a goal. I was just inconsolable, particularly as we had led 2-0!"

## Wood stretched-off

PETER MCPARLAND, Aston Villa's power-propelled winger, was never forgiven by Manchester United fans for the shoulder charge that broke goalkeeper Ray Wood's cheekbone in the 1957 Final.

The sickening collision came in the sixth minute and Wood was carried off on a stretcher. This was in the days before substitutes were allowed and centre-half Jackie Blanchflower had to take over as makeshift goalkeeper.

McParland went on to score Villa's two goals that lifted them to a 2-1 victory but he was to admit in later years: "Nobody remembers my goals, only the incident with Ray Wood. It was a complete accident and I felt desperately sorry for Ray."

Right to the end of his distinguished career, Northern Ireland international McParland was booed and jeered whenever he played against United. They refused to forget or to forgive.

## Gregg knocked-out

HARRY GREGG was another Manchester United goalkeeper in trouble, this time in the 1958 Final against Bolton.

He and Bolton's lionhearted centre-forward Nat Lofthouse went up together to meet a cross in the United goalmouth. 'Lofty' headed the ball into the net and at the same time shoulder-charged Gregg over the line with such force that the Irish international was knocked unconscious.

United 'keeper Ray Wood is challenged by Peter McParland in 1957.



had broken his neck when saving against Murphy.

It was a tragic end to a season in which the popular German has been voted Footballer of the Year.

## Bitter sweet win

A CHAIRMAN, who must remain anonymous, ruined the after-match celebrations of his players following a recent F.A. Cup Final. They had just returned to the Wembley dressing-room in triumph with the Cup as their prize when their delighted chairman came bounding in to congratulate them.

"Well done, lads," he said, then adding without realising the impact of his words, "You've done so well in getting us into Europe next season that we can now afford to go out and buy new players."

Suddenly the victory champagne had a bitter taste.

## Hutch glory — and misery

TOMMY HUTCHISON had a two-faced match for Manchester City in the 1981 Centenary F.A. Cup Final against Spurs.

He headed a magnificent goal to give City the lead but then wiped out his moment of glory by deflecting a Glenn Hoddle free-kick into his own net for an equaliser that set Spurs up for a replay and a memorable victory.

Hutch' is not the first player to score for both teams in a Final. Bert Turner, Charlton Athletic right-half, netted two goals in 65 seconds in the 1946 F.A. Cup Final against Derby County.

He turned the ball into his own net to give Derby a 1-0 lead with ten minutes

## Whodunnit?

GEORGE GRAHAM took the credit for Arsenal's extra-time equaliser against Liverpool in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final.

That was a shocker for Arsenal substitute Eddie Kelly, who knew that he had scored the goal.

All the praise went to Graham and he was reported in the newspapers and on television as having got the goal that set Arsenal up for a double-clinching 2-1 victory.

It was only after careful study of action replays taken behind the goal by ITV cameras that it was realised a mistake had been made.

Twenty-four hours after responding to the cheers of the Arsenal crowd, Graham had to admit: "The goal was not mine. Eddie Kelly got the touch. I wasn't sure whether I had connected but everybody likes to claim a goal at Wembley. But after looking at the TV, I've got to give the goal to Eddie."

Even to this day, some record books still credit Graham with the goal!

## 'Supermouth' silenced

A SKELETON rattles in Malcolm Macdonald's soccer cupboard every time he thinks back on his appearance for Newcastle against Liverpool in the 1974 Final.

Supermac made so many bold promises about what he and his team-mates were going to do to Liverpool that he was renamed Supermouth. But he couldn't provide action to go with his words and managed only two shots — both hopelessly wide — throughout a match comfortably won 3-0 by Liverpool.

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# CUP FINAL REFS

## Alf Grey's day — at Wembley

**F**A Cup Final referee Alf Grey of Great Yarmouth has a wealth of experience, including six years on FIFA's International list, and has officiated four times previously at Wembley.

Grey retires at the end of the season after 15 years on the Football League Referee's List, so the Final will obviously have doubly fond memories.

He is looking forward immensely

to the game and says that the highlights of his career so far are:

"The 1976 Final when I was linesman to Clive Thomas in the Southampton v. Manchester United game, and the 1981 Charity Shield match at Wembley between Spurs and Aston Villa, mainly because it is more stimulating to referee than to line at Wembley."

Having been there before, Alf should have fewer nerves than most Cup Final referees and he recounts of appearing at Wembley: "It is every referee's dream to officiate there. The atmosphere is electric and it is

almost impossible to express the feelings that you get when you walk out of the tunnel. It is one large cauldron of noise and colour and is so tremendous that I think that is what everyone remembers most."

Frequently people do not appreciate what is required to reach the pinnacle of refereeing and Alf Grey sums it up when he says: "Refereeing is about fitness, when you have to force yourself out on the cold nights to do a lot of punishing road work."

Alf Grey has come a long way since his first game on 'April Fools' Day, the 1st April 1960 in the Yarmouth and District League. Since then he has been nobody's fool, travelling to more than 20 countries to officiate at the highest level.

## David Syme traces dad's footsteps — at Hampden Park

**D**AVID Syme will be following in his father's footsteps when he takes charge of the Scottish Cup Final on Saturday.

For his father Willie was referee in the 1967 Final between Celtic and Aberdeen.

"Although my father died a couple of years after that game, he greatly influenced my decision to take up refereeing," he explained.

"I'd suffered a broken leg and a broken ankle playing football as a



teenager, so at the age of 17 I decided that it was safer to become a referee."

David, from Rutherglen in Glasgow, was in charge of the 1977-78 Scottish League Cup Final between Rangers and Celtic at Hampden, but describes his

appointment for this Saturday's big match as: "The greatest honour of my career so far."

A member of the UEFA and FIFA Referees' Lists, he was also in charge of last season's European Cup Semi-Final between Bayern Munich and CSKA Sofia.

With the retirement of Eddie Pringle last week, David is now the longest serving League ref in Scotland, with 11 years' service already behind him.

Talking of his philosophy towards refereeing, David says: "I try to be the same person on the field as I am off it. It disturbs me that some referees completely change character as soon as they step onto a pitch."

# CUP FINAL FUNNIES



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Gordon Smith already has a Scottish League Cup medal this season.



Steve Gattling, set for his first Wembley appearance.



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Gerry Ryan missed the Semi-Final but was a star in Brighton's Sixth Round defeat of Norwich.



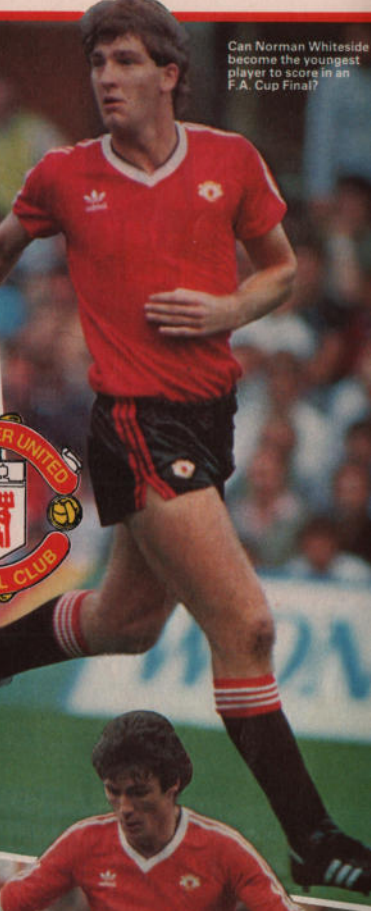
Arthur Albiston, United's most improved player.



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### Endangered species

Jimmy, please be a bit more careful with your comments about Scottish soccer. As an exiled Englishman living North of the border, I don't feel too safe!  
**ANDREW BLACKWELL,**  
N. BERWICK, EAST LOTHIAN



Come back to England then! I've always admired the Scots for defending their side of Hadrian's Wall, but I'll always defend our side just as forcibly. I'll forgive you going to Scotland... we've all got our problems.

This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from Fraser Hardy of St John's Road, Bathwick, Avon. He writes:

### FINAL FIASCO

I think it is very unfair that Remi Moses and Steve Foster will both miss the F.A. Cup Final for alleged offences during League games. This could be their only chance to appear in the most prestigious game in the world.



This is a classic case of the crime not fitting the punishment. Virtually all the disciplinary points were collected during League games, so they should be fined or banned by the Football League. The F.A. Cup should not even enter into the question. I feel sorry for both Moses and Foster, but even sorer for the fans. Steve Foster is probably the key player in the Brighton team, but the fans go to Wembley knowing they'll be without his services. Now it's like Red Rum against the milkman's horse in the Grand National — the only chance for the milkman is if Red Rum falls. Moses (left) will also be greatly missed by United, but without Foster to get stuck in I think Stapleton and Whiteside could have a field day.

### My mate Gerry

As a member of the North Wales branch of the WBA supporters club, the death of our president Gerry Hitchens was a sad loss. As a player who followed his path to Italy, I imagine Gerry must have had quite an influence on you.  
**VAUGHAN ROWLANDS,**  
DEGANWY, GWYNEDD.



Gerry and I were very good friends. When we were both in Milan we secretly met for a few drinks in a little bar near the station. I was with AC Milan and Gerry was with Inter, so it was completely forbidden for us to mix. We always roomed together when with England and went round together during the 1962 World Cup in Chile. Gerry's death was a terrible blow, particularly as he appeared to be in the prime of his life.

### Give up!

After watching the England Under-21 game against Hungary at St James' Park, all I can say is that if that's international football give me Newcastle any time. If these players are England's future, we might as well give up now.  
**MICHAEL FLOYD,**  
MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.



I think it's good that these games are played around the country, but remember that it's very hard for young players to suddenly turn it on at international level with players they've hardly met before. I must admit that I can't ever see some of the Under-21 team ever winning full international honours, but at least they've made you appreciate the football Newcastle are giving you.



### Straight shooting from **JIMMY GREAVES**

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Steve Foster's booking in the League game at Notts County rules him out for Wembley.

### Cocky Spurs

In the past couple of years there has been a dramatic improvement in the Spurs defence. Not so long ago players like Chris Hughton and Graham Roberts were a real liability, but now they seem quite solid at the back.  
**DAVID PAGE,**  
NSW, AUSTRALIA



I think it's unfair to call them a liability, particularly Hughton (below) who is an international-class defender. All that's happened at Spurs is that the players have benefited from the experience of playing together and have grown in confidence. When you're a young striker learning the ropes, you can get away with a few mistakes. But a young defender who slips up every now and then is sure to be noticed more because he's giving away goals.

### Cheers John

The London soccer scene will be much poorer now that John Hollins' career at Arsenal appears to be over. For 20 years John has been a tremendous ambassador for the game and a marvellous player into the bargain.  
**DAVID RYAN,**  
GIBRALTAR



Throughout his career with Chelsea, QPR and Arsenal, John has been the ideal image of a professional footballer and a perfect example for any youngster entering the sport to follow. Whatever he does in the future, I'm sure he'll carry out his new duties with the kind of courtesy and credibility to which we've all become accustomed.



### Hill's Sky Blues

As a frustrated Coventry fan, I can't say how relieved I was when Jimmy Hill resigned as chairman. Now perhaps we can have a team who can win trophies instead of nice seats and comfy buses.  
**CRAIG PALMER,**  
HALESOWEN, W. MIDLANDS



People like yourself have very short memories. Jimmy Hill put Coventry on the map and gave a tremendous amount to the city. His ideas were amongst the most progressive in the game, but unfortunately he made a few mistakes and was never forgiven for them. Hill's resignation was a tragedy for Midlands football. Coventry fans are always writing to complain if I criticise the team, but the only way they'll ever improve is if the people of the city go along to watch them. Don't blame the chairman, manager or team for Coventry's shortcomings. Blame the public who have never given decent support.

### Happy Hull

Let's have a big hand for Hull City. Since chairman Don Robinson and manager Colin Appleton took over, the fortunes of a club destined for doom have soared dramatically.  
**MICHAEL DOBBS,**  
WILLERBY, HULL.



I must confess that I haven't seen much of Hull, but if they play anything like Colin Appleton used to they can't be a bad side. I had quite a few tussles with him when he was at Leicester and he had a great deal of skill and football ability. Obviously, he's doing just as well as a manager. It's nice to see them moving back up the League.

### The greats of Ochilview

For the last few months you've been promising to name your all-time best XI in SHOOT's F.A. Cup Final issue. Now's the time to reveal all.  
**MARTIN ALLEN,**  
AIGBURTH, MERSEYSIDE.



I've decided to call a ceasefire on all hostilities with our friends from North of the border. So, for all you Jocks, ever has to be the Stenhousemuir team which drew 1-1 at Meadowbank Thistle the other week. I decided the only way was to name a complete team rather than insult any of the marvellous individuals I've seen over many years. And I have to confess that that Stenhousemuir team really is something special!



**G**ORDON Cowans and I would be playing for Juventus in next week's European Cup Final against Hamburg SV if some sections of the Italian Press had their way.

We were both linked with the famous Turin giants earlier this season.

I'm sure it was pure speculation after Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni had singled us out for special mentions before our Quarter-Final tie.

Certainly no approach has been made to either Gordon or myself. I can't say if anything has transpired between the two clubs. I doubt it.



SHOOT columnist GARY SHAW previews the European Cup Final in Athens on Wednesday, May 18th.



## European

fire this season.

So has the French skipper Michel Platini and Zbigniew Boniek who scored the winner at Villa Park, the Polish international bought to replace Liam Brady last season.

Even now there are still many Juventus fans who regret losing Liam to Sampdoria, where he's teamed up with England's Trevor Francis.

Villa's 5-2 aggregate defeat in the Quarter-Finals suggests a Juventus thrashing.

success and put enormous pressure on players.

That and the cruelty of the Press when players fall short of their expectations are the only drawbacks.

Even Italy's World Cup winning hero Paolo Rossi has been under

# Juventus—just!

Even though those reports were probably just paper talk it's still flattering when you consider Juventus are the world's best club side at the moment.

As I've said in an earlier column a move to Italy or the continent doesn't interest me at the moment.

I've still a year of my present contract to run and can't think about anything but Aston Villa and England until then.

If Juventus or any other top side come in after that I'll naturally have to consider the future.

Playing in Europe, especially Italy, does appeal to me.

My style would suit Continental football. I like the climate, the people and there are big financial rewards to be gained.

I spent three weeks in Italy last summer to collect my Young European Player of the Year award

and was overwhelmed at the hospitality of the people.

I was also amazed that so many Italian fans recognised me, even though the event in Montecatini had received a fair amount of publicity.

It's surprising how many SHOOT readers there are in Italy. I lost count of the number of times I was asked to autograph my column.

The Italians are so fanatical about football they demand



Paolo Rossi (Juventus) and Michel Platini (Hamburg) compete for the ball during the European Cup Final.



## Cup Final '83

But it wasn't as one-sided as that. Villa weren't disgraced.

We didn't make the most of our opportunities because if Juventus have a weakness it's at the back.

The one Juventus player that stood out for me above the rest was Platini, who has re-established himself as world class.

The Frenchman's speed and vision surprised Villa, especially in the second-leg in Turin when he scored the goal that killed off any hopes of a comeback.

The £2 million Juventus spent on Platini and Boniek after Italy's World Cup triumph last summer will be money well spent if the club win the European crown for the first time.

I take a keen interest in foreign football and study the League tables whenever I can.

Roma have pipped Juventus for the Italian title so winning the European Cup is now of paramount importance to the Turin club.

Hamburg should clinch the Bundesliga after 'doing' a Liverpool and resisting all challengers for much of the season.

### Dreaded

The decisive battle of the Final in the new Olympic Stadium in Athens could be the clash of Hamburg's Horst Hrubesch and Claudio Gentile, the world's most dreaded defender.

My most recent memory of Hamburg SV, apart from Kevin Keegan's spell at the club, is John Robertson's winner for Nottingham Forest in the 1980 European Cup Final in Madrid.

I'll be cheering for a Juventus victory, but it will be close. From what I know Hamburg's attacking power could pose a few problems for the veteran keeper Dino Zoff.

Juventus for victory in Athens and Manchester United to beat Brighton at Wembley.

A United win will boost Villa's chances of a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

No disrespect to Brighton's magnificent achievement of reaching Wembley in an otherwise disastrous League season, but I believe United will be the Wembley winners. See you next time...

*Colin Shaw*

**H**AMBURG SV clinched their place in the Final by beating Spanish Champions Real Sociedad in the Semi-Final.

SHOOT asked the Real manager Alberto Ormaechea (right) for a run-down on the Germans and their chances of beating Juventus.



## Another World Cup Final

Yes, this clash between Italians and Germans is a small-scale repeat of last year's World Cup Final, and I suppose Juventus will start as favourites.

After all, they have got most of the national side in their line-up, plus Platini and Boniek.

If you're talking about individual talent, then Juventus are probably superior. But football is a team game, and the Hamburg side that played us is a team without any visible flaws, and Ernst Happel is a very wily manager.

The West Germans play the sort of modern game you'd expect from a side managed by the man who took Holland to the 1978

World Cup Final.

I know everyone talks about Juventus' attacking ability with players like Rossi, Boniek, Bettega and Platini, but Hamburg know how to defend and launch counter-attacks.

They put up a barrier just outside their own area, and then when they attack they throw enough men forward at speed to give them numerical superiority at the other end.

The strength of the side is that everyone works for everyone else, and their subs are so good that even Hartwig's absence won't be noticed.

Some critics reckon that

Juventus' man-to-man experts like Gentile and Cabrini will mark Hamburg's key men out of the game, but I don't agree.

All right, you can close down the front-runners, Hrubesch (below), Milewski and the Dane, Bastrup. But we found that the players coming through from the back did more damage. Hamburg's front men draw their markers wide or pull them back into midfield, and you've got people coming at you from the back. And I don't just mean Magath or Rolff (what a player he is!) or the other

midfielders — you've got to watch the back four, because Kaltz, Wehmeyer, Hieronymus and Jakobs all participate in the side's attacking play.

If I had to give the Italians one piece of advice about how to beat Hamburg, I'd say they've got to move the ball fast from wing to wing.

If you switch the ball fast from one flank to the other, you can get in behind their backs. Building a move down one wing or trying to break through the centre is very difficult.

I'm not going to predict a result, but it might help Hamburg that Juventus start as favourites and will be expected to come forward. In the two games we played against the Germans it was noticeable that they played better in San Sebastian, when we were expected to attack.

If you think that the European Cup has been won by an English team for the last six years, then Hamburg may have a good chance. After all, they play a very British style of football — and that's the type of football that I like.



### The Route to Athens

#### JUVENTUS

Opponent	Result	Scorers
Hvidovre	4-1	Platini, Rossi, Brio, Cabrini
Standard Liege	3-3	Boniek, Platini, Rossi
Aston Villa	1-1	Tardelli
	2-0	Rossi, 2
	2-1	Rossi, Boniek
	3-1	Platini, 2, Tardelli
Widzew Lodz	2-0	Tardelli, Bettega
	2-2	Rossi, Platini

Scorers: Rossi 6, Platini 5, Tardelli 3, Boniek 2, Bettega, Brio, Cabrini 1

#### HAMBURG SV

Opponent	Result	Scorers
Dynamo Berlin	1-1	Milewski
	2-0	Hartwig, Hrubesch
Olympiakos	1-0	Von Heesen
Dynamo Kiev	4-0	Magath, Hrubesch, Rolff, Bastrup
	3-0	Bastrup, 3
	1-2	Hartwig
Real Sociedad	1-1	Rolff
	2-1	Jakobs, Von Heesen

Scorers: Bastrup 4, Hartwig, Hrubesch, Rolff, Von Heesen 2, Jakobs, Magath, Milewski 1

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1962 — Benfica	1976 — Bayern Munich
1963 — AC Milan	1977 — Liverpool
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# SAINT NICK IS 'DADDY' OF THE DELL

**N**ICK Holmes is the last playing link between the Southampton team that won the F.A. Cup back in 1976 and the richly talented young line up that is now promising so much for the future.

Holmes, a Hampshire lad through and through, seems to have been in the Saints side from time immemorial. So it's hard to believe that he is still only 28-years-old.

In fact the 'Daddy' of the Dell is in his 13th season at the club and this is his richly deserved testimonial year.

Throughout the years he has seen the image of the club change from that of country cousins to the unquestionably professional set-up under manager Lawrie McMenemy.

He came into the side alongside internationals such as Terry Paine, Ron Davies and Mike Channon. Then he played alongside greats like Alan Ball, Peter Osgood and Charlie George but Holmes believes that the pack of talented youngsters now at The Dell can also go on to greater things.

"At the moment I honestly think there are only two or three teams in the First Division who are better than us," he said.

## 'Improve'

"We have got nothing to fear from the rest and we can only improve with all these young lads."

The young Saints took a bit of time getting their wings to function properly and after a few weeks of the season it looked as though they might be destined for Division Two.

"The side underwent a big transitional period and things were never going to be easy. For a start, Kevin Keegan had gone and then all the young lads seemed to be playing at once.

"They didn't have time to find their feet as they were playing two First Division games a week. They were forced to grow up very quickly but that is exactly what they have done."

While Southampton were treated almost with pity back in September, envious glances are now being thrown at bright young men such as Danny Wallace, Mark Wright and Reuben Agboola, as well as more experienced kids like Steve Moran and Steve Williams.

Wallace, the speedy little goalscoring winger, has been one of the great finds of the season. "He could go a long way," admitted Holmes.

"He's very exciting and very quick. He roasts most full-backs and certainly knows



where the goal is, but his only fault is his final pass.

"If he could improve on this then there is no limit to what he could achieve."

Wright, the tall defender signed from Oxford United, has also come of age. "I think that this lad has the best chance of the lot," said Holmes.

"He's very solid, strong and brave. He's still a little bit raw and Arsenal's Tony Woodcock for one, gave him a few problems, but I think this boy could become an England player."

And Reuben Agboola has already proved himself to be 'Mr Dependability'. "He does invaluable job, operating behind Mark Wright and Chris Nicholl," said Holmes.

"In some ways he sacrificed his flair for the sake of the team. He could do a lot more with the ball if he was in a different position but he's doing very well where he is at the moment."

Holmes, along with Peter Shilton, Chris Nicholl, Mick Mills and David Armstrong, does not believe in acting as a chaperone for the youngsters.

"The older players live to feel that they are helping the kids and sometimes they need shouting at, but you cannot look after someone in the First Division.

"It's a place where boys have to act as men or else they get found out very quickly."

Holmes has never regretted his decision to stay at Southampton but he is quick to point out that he still has a few years left in him yet.

And he could not get a better prize for all his loyalty than another medal to go alongside the one he picked up at Wembley seven years ago.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot the ten differences between these two cartoons. Answers on page 31.







# WEMBLEY'S

**F**.A. Cup Finals have provided countless dramas and lifted comparatively unknown players to instant stardom.

Yet, just as swiftly these same glory men are sometimes despatched either to obscurity or their playing fortunes change by ill-luck or injury.

Here are the stars who have tasted Wembley glory by scoring F.A. Cup Final goals in the past ten years only to become fallen heroes as their careers nosedived into oblivion after the greatest day of their lives.

## 1973

### Ian Porterfield

(SUNDERLAND v Leeds)

SECOND Division Sunderland were described as a "bunch of no-hopers" when they travelled to Wembley to tackle Don Revie's all-conquering Leeds United team in 1973.

But the critics reckoned with the unquenchable fighting mood of the men from Wearside, that footballing goldmine which had produced such legendary figures as Raich Carter, Brian Clough, Len Shackleton and Trevor Ford.

IAN PORTERFIELD gave them a

first-half lead with a stunning volley on the turn, and that goal proved to be the winner.

Despite enormous pressure the Weariders, drawing deep on their reserves of stamina and driven on by the lilting cries of "Haway The Lads", defied everything which little Billy Bremner and the rest of the Leeds team could throw at them.

Porterfield remembers the goal as though it was yesterday.

"I think I got the goal because of Leeds' concern about Dave Watson, our central defender, coming up for the corner kick. It was a great corner from Billy Hughes, aimed at Dave, but the Leeds defenders were so concerned about him they failed to clear properly.

"The ball came to me high. I let it drop on to my left thigh and then swivelled to hit it with my right foot."

A few months after that emotional occasion Porterfield was driving home from a match on a wild winter's night when his car skidded and turned over in a ditch. His skull was fractured and everyone said his career was over.

But Porterfield hails from tough mining stock and he fought back



from the brink of death, not only to play again, but to become manager, first of Rotherham and since June, 1981, of Sheffield United.

## 1975

### Alan Taylor

(WEST HAM v Fulham)



ALAN TAYLOR was a Fourth Division player with Rochdale less than six months before he scored the two goals by which West Ham beat Fulham in the second all-London F.A. Cup Final in 1975.

In fact, he became the first player for 18 years to score six goals in all the Cup's last three rounds.

These were to be the highlights of Taylor's playing career. He moved on to Norwich and after a spell with Vancouver Whitecaps, tried his luck again in English League football with Cambridge.

But now he is back with Whitecaps, a far cry from hearing those throaty roars of "Bubbles" which floated across the Wembley arena on a May afternoon eight years ago...

Soon there will be another Wembley hero, perhaps a lesser known player from the ranks of this year's Cup Final underdogs, Brighton and Hove Albion.

May his moment of glory be the forerunner of many more!

Taylor scores the first of his two goals for West Ham in the 1975 Final against Fulham.



# FALLEN HEROES

## 1976

### Bobby Stokes

(SOUTHAMPTON v Manchester United)

Remember BOBBY STOKES of SOUTHAMPTON?

Only seven minutes remained in the 1976 Wembley game and Saints, then in the Second Division, were holding mighty Manchester United to a goalless draw.

Suddenly the stadium was alight with Southern emotion as Jimmy McCalliog sent a well-judged pass through to Stokes who half-hit his goal-bound drive. Even so, it was sufficiently accurate to elude Alex Stepney's desperate dive.

That night belonged very much to Bobby, who hailed from Portsmouth. But four months later he was asking Southampton for a transfer. Soon his afternoon of ecstasy was only a comforting memory. The following year he went to



Washington Diplomats.

Nowadays he runs the Manor House public house in Cosham and turns out for Chichester, the Sussex club.

Roger Osborne (No. 7) nets the shock winner for Ipswich against fancied Arsenal in 1978.



## 1978



### Roger Osborne

(IPSWICH v Arsenal)

TWO years later ROGER OSBORNE shot to fame nationwide by scoring the winning goal for Ipswich Town against Arsenal. But the next season a nagging injury restricted him to a handful of games.

Bobby Robson, then the Ipswich manager, paid tribute to Osborne's patience as he strove to regain both fitness and a first team place.

"He never let his head drop and battled on. He did not play that much after Frans Thijssen was signed but he remained a marvelous, loyal player."

Finally, in February, 1981 Osborne decided to accept one of a number of offers from other clubs, and moved to the less fashionable soccer confines of Colchester.

Since arriving at Layer Road, Osborne has given enthusiasm and experience to a side which has stayed among the Fourth Division pacemakers.

## NOBBY





## Dutch duo agree...

# English football is best!

**A**ROUND kick-off time every Saturday a West Midlands space shuttle lifts off.

Since the Dutch F.A. have no astronauts available to spy on them, two players good enough to help lift Holland out of their current international doldrums remain in anonymity.

Either that or The Hawthorns is a little too far over the horizon for Dutch national team boss Kees Rijvers.

Martin Jol, 27, and Romeo Zondervan, 24, have established themselves as more than useful First Division players in England. Jol has been in England for almost two years and Zondervan for 14 months.

But despite three caps for Jol before he was transferred to West Bromwich Albion, and the fact that Zondervan was an established 'B' international, the orange shirt of Holland has since passed them by.

Get into conversation with the Dutch pair and you learn what it's like to feel forgotten. But whatever happens at national level, nothing stops both men from believing they have become better players with Albion as they learn about the English way of football life.

As Jol says: "I could write a book about the differences between Dutch and English foot-



Zondervan (left) and his big Dutch team-mate Martin Jol are both in agreement that British football is better than in their native Holland.



ball. When Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen came over here they stole the headlines. Romeo and I almost disappeared into space.

"I've got nothing against Frans or Arnold. They fitted in well at Ipswich. But we have both gone forward with Albion, and we have had to work a lot harder at adjusting our style. I play as a defensive midfielder and Romeo is a combination of right-half and right-winger."

Zondervan adds: "I reckon I'm better in midfield, but our English friends cannot believe I used to be a back. They believe I'm too much of a ball player for that."

Jol agrees: "It was a bit like that for me. In Holland I was a libero. You call that a sweeper, but since there is no libero in England my style of play was almost unknown."

"I've learned you cannot hide over here like you do in Holland. You've got to fight for every ball. Arnold Muhren is the exception."

"He plays wider and you rarely see him tackle. But his classy style with the ball and his reading of the game was the main reason Manchester United wanted him."

"Romeo has had no favours. He was once knocked out by Andy Gray's elbow against Wolves. He's had to learn to keep his arms at the back when he jumps."

Zondervan admits: "What Martin says about fighting for the ball is so right. In Holland one of the two players going for the ball stops. Not here. Both go in."

"Take a player like Hallvar Thoresen, the Norwegian international with PSV. He could do well in England because he passes the ball quickly," Jol says.

### 'Twist'

"Youngsters like the Ajax pair Frank Rijkaard and Gerald Vanenburg would only last one game. For English football they twist and turn too much and hold the ball too long."

"If you do that, or juggle with the ball in England the other players call you names like 'Mickey Mouse'."

"People say that the English are tactically behind the rest of Europe. That is NOT true. OK, this season only Aberdeen from Scotland are in a European Final, but just look at the success of English clubs in Europe over the last few years."

"One thing I would say is that players here are not allowed to do their own thing as much as in Holland. The coaches won't allow it. I honestly believe a lot of players could do more with the ball to entertain the public if they were allowed to."

Both have another year to go with Albion. What happens then? Both have had offers already to consider when their contracts are finished.

But as Zondervan says: "I have completely adapted here. In my opinion in England I have found the best and the most ideal football climate that exists anywhere in the world."

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Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good. Answers on page 31.



Coventry striker Mark Hateley's devastating turn of pace leaves Southampton defender Steve Baker trailing.

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# Kenny Dalglish

## LIVERPOOL

**BIRTHPLACE:** Glasgow.  
**BIRTHDATE:** 4-3-53.  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 8ins.  
**WEIGHT:** 11st 13lbs.  
**MARRIED:** To Marina.  
**CHILDREN:** Kelly, Paul and Lynsey.  
**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Celtic.  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.  
**NICKNAME:** None.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Denis Law.  
**A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Steve Nicol of Liverpool.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Celtic.  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Denis Law.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Golf.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not winning an F.A. Cup winners' medal with Liverpool.  
**BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN:** Mendoza, Argentina when Scotland beat Holland 3-2 in 1978 World Cup.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** ...  
**DISLIKES:** Above all else, my wife and family. No real dislikes worth noting.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Anything made by Marina.  
**YOUR F.A. CUP FINAL PREDICTION:** Manchester United.  
**WHY?** United are red hot favourites and are unlikely to lose a second Wembley Final in the same season. But, and a big but, Brighton have produced their best form against the First Division's best clubs... and have not been beaten in the games where it really mattered. They are dangerous opposition, as we discovered at Anfield!  
**YOUR PERSONAL F.A. CUP FINAL MEMORY:** Sadly, I've yet to play in one. But the most exciting Final I saw was United v Arsenal in 1979 — what an incredible finale!  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** The players of the great Celtic side of the '60s — such as Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch etc.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 90 caps for Scotland and immensely proud of every one!  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To maintain the standard of living my wife and children enjoy.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** To be happy, healthy and successful.



Denis Law



Tommy Gemmell



1978 Cup Final  
 Arsenal v Manchester United

*Kenny Dalglish*

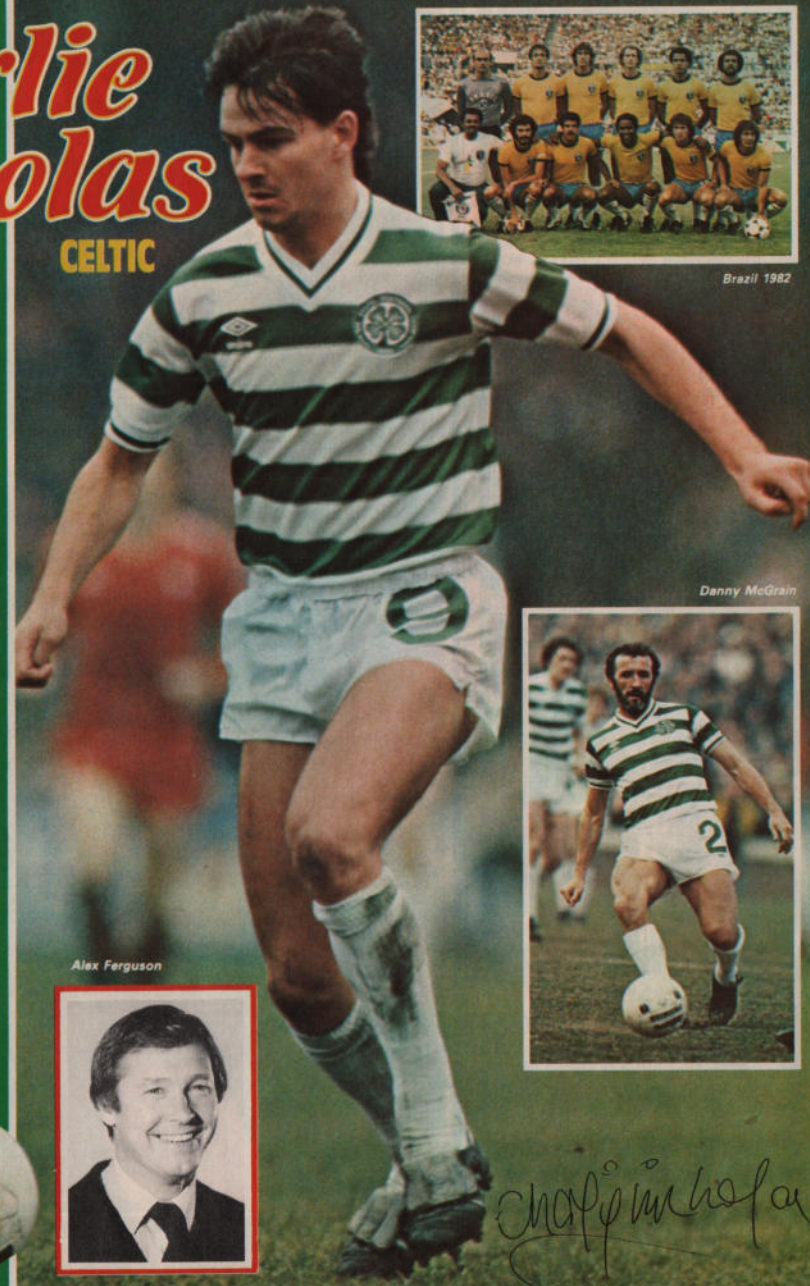
# Charlie Nicholas

## CELTIC

**BIRTHPLACE:** Glasgow.  
**BIRTHDATE:** 30-12-61.  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 10ins.  
**WEIGHT:** 11 stone.  
**MARRIED:** No.  
**PREVIOUS CLUB:** Celtic Boys' Club.  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Car Mechanic.  
**NICKNAME:** 'Nick'.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Kenny Dalglish.  
**A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Jim McInally and John Sludden, both Celtic.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Brazil!  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Kenny Dalglish.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Golf.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Breaking my leg in a reserve game against Morton.  
**BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN:** Giants Stadium, home of New York Cosmos.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** ...  
**DISLIKES:** Winning and being happy/injury and smoking.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Anything I make myself/lager shandy.  
**YOUR SCOTTISH CUP FINAL PREDICTION:** Aberdeen.  
**WHY?** The Dons are on the crest of a wave, full of confidence and really believing in themselves. Alex Ferguson has welded together a tremendous outfit at Pittodrie and I believe they will overcome Rangers — but only by a one-goal margin.  
**YOUR PERSONAL SCOTTISH CUP FINAL MEMORY:** The sad fact is that I have no Scottish Cup memory and that is something I long to remedy. Celtic has a good tradition in the Cup, but I have not been part of a Cup-winning side.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Frank Connor, Frank Cairney and Danny McGrain.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** One full, six Under-21 and eight Scotland Youth caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy, healthy and wealthy.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Would like to be involved in a wealthy business.



Brazil 1982



Danny McGrain



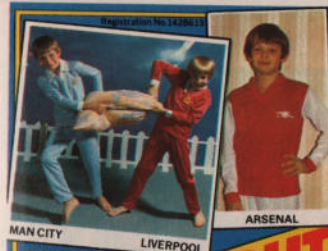
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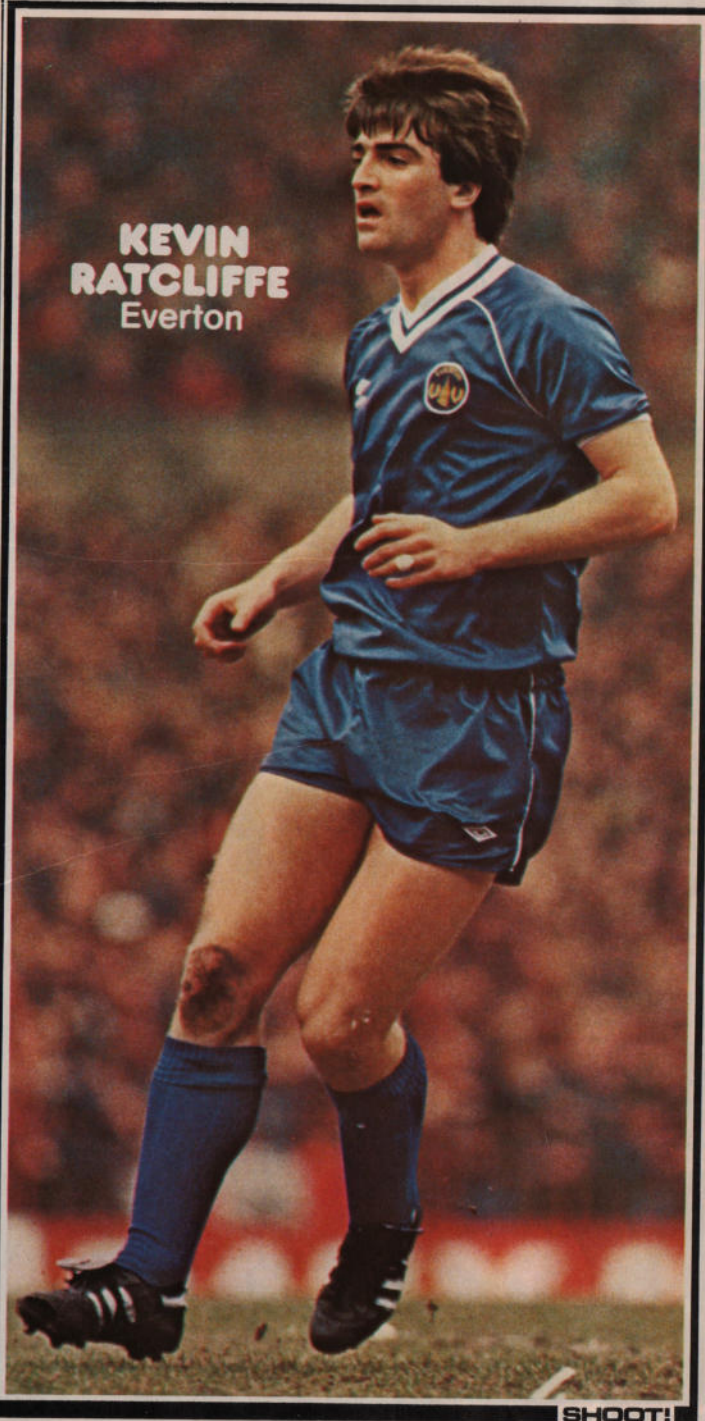
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**KEVIN RATCLIFFE**  
Everton

SHOOT!



Higgins (right) keeps a close check on Manchester United striker Frank Stapleton.

## 'Never again'

**EVERTON'S 2-0** victory over Manchester United at Goodison Park on April 19th meant they had won the First Division title — but not for themselves!

Ironically that defeat of United meant Liverpool were home and dry for their 14th League Championship success.

But Everton skipper Mark Higgins says he and his team-mates are determined that it will be the last favour that they do for The Reds.

In fact, they believe they could be on the verge of launching their most serious challenge to their neighbours for many years.

"The title was a foregone conclusion of course, and had been for quite some time," says Higgins. "But it was strange that fate should decree that we of all people were the side to put the final seal on it."

"Next season we'd dearly love to be in a similar position — the only difference being we'd like to take the title for ourselves."

"Not a chance! I can hear some people saying. But why shouldn't we be optimistic? We haven't exactly set the world alight this season, but it hasn't been bad, either."

"We were desperately unlucky to go out of the F.A. Cup in the Quarter-Finals at Manchester United, losing by virtually the last kick of the game — otherwise it could well have been us facing Brighton at Wembley."

## Vows Higgins

"And in the League we've done pretty well considering the number of young and relatively inexperienced players we've had in the side."

"Take away Jim Arnold and David Johnson, and I reckon we must be the youngest side in the First Division."

"That's why I'm so optimistic for the future. The young lads will have learned a tremendous amount from this season and will be all the wiser next term."

### 'Mistakes'

"None of us need telling that on occasions we conceded some daft goals, otherwise we'd have finished a lot closer to Liverpool than we did. But as long as everyone has learned from those mistakes, it will have been worthwhile."

"Obviously it's not going to be easy to knock Liverpool off the perch they've occupied for so long as the number one side in the country."

"After a lot of comings and goings in recent years, I'm sure our boss, Howard Kendall, believes he's building a team capable of doing that."

"He knows exactly the way he wants us to play — that's why he's opted to build the team on youth."

"Sometimes it can be difficult for older players to change their style to suit the manager's ideas. By building with youngsters, Howard has brought them up to his way of thinking from the word go."

"Don't forget it was a similarly young side under Harry Catterick which last brought the title back to Goodison Park in 1970."

From a personal point of view, Mark says he's revelled in his new responsibility as captain this term.

"On the park it hasn't made a great deal of difference to me," he says. "I've always been one for organising and taking responsibility anyway."

"Off the park it's meant I've been called upon to represent the club on numerous occasions and at various events, which has not only been an honour, but thoroughly enjoyable, too."

"I've also been delighted to have come through the campaign virtually injury free. I missed almost half of the 1981-82 season through injury, and the season before that I played in just two League games."

"So naturally I'm hoping that what I was beginning to think might be some sort of jinx is well and truly behind me."

"Captaining Everton has always been a dream of mine — and I've achieved that this season," says Mark.

"Captaining Everton to the League Championship is another dream — and that could be a lot closer than a great many people think."

## Double-up Dons

**WHEN** the day comes for Third and Fourth Division clubs to go part-time — as it almost certainly will — Wimbledon will be ready.

Many of their players already do other jobs anyway — a measure forced on them because The Dons cannot afford to pay the highest wages in the business.

The Fourth Division promotion winners have everything from barrow boys to double-glazing salesmen, and if manager Dave Bassett ever needed to contact his men in the afternoons he would have to spread his net far and wide.

He'd find cockney kid Wally Downes working on his fruit and veg stall near Shepherd's Bush Market. Glyn Hodges would be helping out in his dad's cafe in Brixton. Steve Ketteridge out and about selling double-glazing and Alan Cork was learning the ropes in a sports shop before going to Sweden for the summer.

Bassett welcomes this involvement with other jobs and is in a perfect position to judge the value of it. For he has his own insurance business — set up years ago before he went into professional football.

"That was my job when I was playing as an amateur with Walton and Hersham in the Isthmian League, and when I moved into part-time pro football with Wimbledon — then in the Southern League," he explained.

"Football is my full-time occupation now. But although my partner now runs the insurance business I still keep involved and it's a great comfort to have something to fall back on."

### 'Importance'

"With things the way they are in football now — money being so tight — I can't stress enough the importance of having an interest outside the game. Apart from gaining experience for when players have to pack up, it gives them a taste of the outside world — and a lot of players at the top seem to have lost contact with that."

"The big money stars are concerned with buying businesses. My lads have to be content with working for others — but it teaches them valuable lessons."

"That is very important right now. With clubs being forced to cut back on staffs, they never know when they might be out of work."

"And a couple of my players have already been grateful for equipping themselves for a life outside football. Steve Jones and Tony Tagg have both

been forced to quit the game through injury. "Jones, who had three years with us as full-back, spent his spare time setting up wine business. He's glad he did now, because it is flourishing and means he has no worries about earning a living now he can no longer play football."

"Tagg was doing 'the knowledge' — learning to be a London taxi driver. He hasn't qualified yet, but was well on the way before his career came to a premature end. So that has cushioned the blow for him."

"Others up and down the country would do well to follow their example. They never know when football is going to turn sour on them."



Alan Cork







# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SC

Brighton: Mossley, Ramsey, Gelling, Grellish, Foster, Stevens, McNab, Howett, Connor, Smith, Smilla.

**SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2** (Wright, Armstrong) 18,237  
Luton (2) 2 (Elliott, Antic)  
Southampton: Shilton, Agboola, Mills, Williams, Nichol, Wright, Holmes, Baird, Puckett, Moran, Armstrong, Wallace.  
Luton: Godden, Stephens, Money, Antic, Elliott, Donaghy, Hill, Aylott, Walsh (Goalkeeper), Turner, Moss.

**SUNDERLAND (1) 1** (West)  
**BIRMINGHAM (0) 2** (Blake pen, Harford) 14,818  
Sunderland: Pruthi, Whitfield, Munro, Atkins, Cummings, Pickering, Venison, Rowell, West, James, Cummings.  
Birmingham: Coton, Van den Hauwe, Dennis, Hagan, Blake, Phillips, Broadhurst, Harfordsides, Harford, Hall, Hopkins.

**SWANSEA (0) 1** (Rajkovic) 8,568  
**IPSWICH (0) 1** (Mariner)  
Swansea: Sander, Marutik, Richards, Charles, Lewis, Rajkovic, Lovridge (Pace), James, Gale, Kennedy, Leitchford.  
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Putney, Stegless (Turner), Butcher, Wark, German, Mariner, D'Aray, O'Callaghan.

**TOTTENHAM (0) 2** (Archibald 2) 44,907  
**LIVERPOOL (0) 0**  
Tottenham: Clemence, Houghton, O'Reilly, Roberts, Miller, Perryman, Mabbutt, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddie, Brazil.  
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy, Lovenran, Thompson, Hansen, Delgish, Hodgson, Rush, Johnston, Souless.

**WATFORD (0) 2** (Barnes, Blissett) 20,043  
**ARSENAL (0) 1** (McDermott)  
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Neeson, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Barnes, Jackett, Johnson.  
Arsenal: Jennings, Carr, Sansom, Whyte, O'Leary, Nicholas, Talbot, Davis, McDermott, Hawley (Petrovic), Hill.

## Second Division

**BLACKBURN (1) 1** (Lowry) 4,803  
**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1** (Otto)  
Blackburn: Gennep, Mail, Rathbone, Randall, Kevley, Fazackley, Brotherton, Hamilton, Bell, Garner, Lowry.  
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon, Natrass, Hamilton, Baxter, Mowbray, Otto, Ross, Kennedy, Wood, Shearer (McDonald), Bell.

**CAMBRIDGE (1) 1** (Cooke) 7,591  
Cambridge: Webster, Fisher, Murray, Turner, Fallon (Smith), Finney, Spriggs, Sinton, Reilly, Cooke, Christie, Newcastle: Carr, Craggs, Wharton, McCreary, Clarke, Carney, Keegan, McDonald (Natali), Varadi, McDermott, Wadell.

**CARLISLE (1) 1** (K. Robson) 5,724  
**QPR (0) 0**  
Carlisle: Swinburne, Haigh, McCartney, Coughlin, Rushbury, Houghton, K. Robson, B. Robson, Poskett, Bannan.  
QPR: Hucker, Neil, Dawes, Waddock, Hazell, Fenwick, Wicks, Sealy, Stainrod, Flanagan (Burke), Gregory.



Middlesbrough striker Heine Otto.

**CHELSEA (1) 1** (Walker) 8,574  
**ROTHERHAM (1) 1** (Arnot)  
Chelsea: Francis, J. Jones (Canoville), Hutchings, Chivers, Droy, Pates, Filley, Burnstead, Lee, Speedie, Walker.  
Rotherham: Conroy, Forrest, Friar, Gow, Stancilife, Johnson, Arnot, Seaman (McEwan), Moore, Stancilife, McBride.



Chelsea scorer Clive Walker.

**DERBY (2) 2** (Wilson, Davison) 14,674  
**BURNLEY (0) 0**  
Derby: Cherry, Barton, Burns, Gemmill, Powell (McAfee), Fother, Brody, Davison, Wilson, Hooks, Emsen, Burnley: Stevenson, Laws, Donachie, Phelan, Dobson, Flynn, Cassidy, Steven, Hamilton, Donovan, Scott.

**GRIMSBY (0) 0**  
**GILDHAM (0) 2** (Palmer, Ryan) 4,755  
Grimsby: Batch, D. Moore, Crombie, Waters, Seaby, K. Moore, Ford, Whyman, Drinkell, Bennymann, Kilmore (O'Dell).  
Gildham: Goram, Jones, Ryan, Hudson, Clement, Hootkin, Wyds, Atkinson, McDonough, Henry, Palmer.

**LEEDS (0) 0**  
**BARNLEY (0) 0** 15,344  
Leeds: Harvey, Thomas, F. Gray, Sheridan, Hart, Dickinson, Hird, Butterworth, Ritchie, Donnelly, Graham.  
Barnley: Pierce, Joyce, Chambers, Glenn, McGuire, McCarty, Law, Airey, Ronson, Cunningham, Barrowclough.

**LEICESTER (0) 0**  
**BOLTON (0) 0** 13,959  
Leicester: Wallington, Ramsey, B. Smith, MacDonald, English, O'Neill, Lyness (May), Linaker, A. Smith, Daly, Wilson.  
Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Deakin, Gray, McEimney, Doyle, Joyce, Rudge, Moores, Hagan, Barrow.

**SHEFFIELD WED (0) 2** (Mills, Lyons) 12,531  
**FULHAM (0) 1** (Wilson)  
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Starland, Williamson, Smith, Lyons, Shelton (Pearson), Megson, Mills, Bannister, McCulloch, Heard.  
Fulham: Poyton, Hopkins (Parker), Luck, O'Driscoll, Brown, Gale, Davies, Wilson, Coney, Houghton, Lawton.

**WOLVES (0) 1** (Gray) 12,523  
**C. PALACE (0) 0**  
Wolves: Burridge, Humphrey, Palmer, Cartwright, Pender, Dodd, Hibbit, Clarke, Gray, Eves, Matthews (Butler).  
C. Palace: Fry, Hinshelwood, Brooks, Nebbelling, Cannon, Murphy, Brown, Houghton, Mabbutt, Giles, Hilaire.

## Third Division

**BRADFORD (0) 2** (Campbell, Hill) 3,453  
**BOURNEMOUTH (0) 3** (Davtry, Lee, Morgan)

**BRENTFORD (0) 2** (Hurlock, Roberts) 4,987  
**SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 1** (Morris)

**BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1** (Ball) 8,919  
**HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0**

**CHESTERFIELD (0) 0**  
**CARDIFF (1) 1** (D. Bennett) 2,799

**DONCASTER (0) 0**  
**PORTSMOUTH (1) 2** (Rafferty, Webb) 2,974  
**LINCOLN (1) 1** (Vinter (og)) 2,812  
**OXFORD (0) 1** (Lawrence)

**NEWPORT (2) 4** (Tynan 3 (1 pen), Lowndes) 4,344  
**WREXHAM (0) 0**

**ORIENT (2) 5** (Houchen 2, McNeil 3) 2,407  
**EXETER (0) 1** (Neville)

**PLYMOUTH (0) 1** (Smith) 2,912  
**PRESTON (1) 1** (Booth)

**READING (3) 3** (Earles, Price, Dixon) 4,410  
**MILLWALL (1) 3** (White 2, Bremner)

**WIGAN (0) 2** (Adams, Mehmet) 3,610  
**GILLINGHAM (2) 2** (O'Keefe pen, Barrow) 3,610

## Fourth Division

**BLACKPOOL (1) 4** (Senior (og), Hockaday, Deary, Stewart) 1,994  
**ALDERSHOT (1) 1** (Senior)

**BURY (0) 1** (Madden) 4,739  
**SCUNTHORPE (0) 0**

**CHESTER (0) 0** 2,281  
**HULL (0) 0**

**CREWE (0) 0**  
**WIMBLEDON (0) 2** (Downes, Smith) 2,552

**DARLINGTON (1) 2** (McLean, Honour) 1,042  
**NORTHAMPTON (0) 0**

**HEREFORD (0) 1** (Spiring) 2,088  
**TRANMERE (0) 0**

**MANSFIELD (1) 2** (Dungworth, Caldwell) 2,288  
**YORK (1) 2** (Ford, Walwyn)

**ROCHDALE (1) 2** (Farrell, Thompson) 1,382  
**TORQUAY (2) 2** (Carter, James)

**SWINDON (0) 2** (Pritchard, Quinn) 2,669  
**STOCKPORT (0) 0**

## Scottish Premier

**DUNDEE (0) 0**  
**ABERDEEN (2) 2** (Hewitt, Strachan) 10,176  
Dundee: Kelly, McGaschie (Kidd), McKimmie, Fraser, Smith, MacDonald, Mackie, Glenzie, Davidson, Scrimgeour (Stephen), Ferguson.  
Aberdeen: Lightfoot, Cooper (Angus), Rougvie, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Watson (Black), Hewitt.

**KILMARNOCK (0) 0**  
**CELTIC (2) 5** (McGrain, MacLeod 2, Nicholas, Burns) 7,900  
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, Cockburn, R. Clark, J. Clark, McDicken, Clarke, McGivern (Muir), MacLeod, Bryson, Simpson, Gallagher.  
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Sinclair, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, McStay, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.

**MORTON (0) 0**  
**DUNDEE UTD (1) 4** (Dodds 2, Narey, Milne) 6,820

**Morton:** Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney (Gavign), McLaughlin, Duffy, Payne, Cochrane, Hutchison, Steven (Richie), Houston.  
**Dundee Utd:** McAlpine (Kirkwood), Stark, Malpas, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Milne, Holt, Sturrock, Dodds.

**MOTHERWELL (1) 2** (McClair, Gahagan) 3,532  
**HIBS (0) 0**  
Motherwell: Walker, Dorman, MacLeod, Edmondson, Carson, Rafferty, Gahagan, Ravell, Harrow (Forbes), McClair, D'Haars (Wark).  
Hibs: Rough, Sneddon, Duncan, Welsh, Jamieson, Brazi, Callachan, Rice (McCurd), Thomson, Turnbull, Harvey.

**RANGERS (1) 4** (MacDonald, Bett 2 (1 pen), Clark) 9,321  
**ST. MIRREN (0) 0**  
Rangers: McCloy, Dawson, McClelland, McPherson, Paterson, Bett, Cooper, McKinnon, Clark, Redford (Russell), MacDonald (Fry).

**St. Mirren:** Thomson, Wilson, Clarke, Fitzsimmons, Fulton, McCormack, Stark, McAviney, McDougall (Speirs), Richardson, Sommer (Campbell).

## Scottish First

**AIRDRIE (0) 1** (Gordon) 2,000  
**ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 1** (Brogan)

**AYR (1) 4** (Connor, McNally 3) 929  
**QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0**

# SHOOT'S STAR FINDER FILE

Continuing our series in which SHOOT looks at players who could make the big time.

## HOW THE RATING WORKS

- 5 — Work to be done — but could make the grade.
- 6 — With luck could make an impact.
- 7 — Obvious potential, but needs time to adjust.
- 8 — Should make the grade.
- 9 — All the hallmarks of quality.
- 10 — Could make international class.

## NEIL SLATTER

Club: Bristol Rovers

Position: Full-back Age: 18  
Height 5' 11" Weight: 10st 10lbs  
League Games: 70 Goals: 1  
Honours: Wales Youth and Under-21 caps.

**Strengths:** Natural qualities of strength and balance. A strong tackler who reads play well and shows great maturity for his age.

**Weaknesses:** Loves to join the attack, but too often his final cross after an overlap isn't struck cleanly enough.

**Manager Bobby Gould's verdict:** "As long as Neil keeps his feet firmly on the ground and keeps working at his game he's got to have a very big future."

First Division potential rating: 9



**ALEX Williams** used to watch his hero Joe Corrigan keeping goal from the Manchester City terraces — never dreaming that he'd replace Corrigan in the City team.

Williams, who's been an able deputy to Corrigan for the past couple of seasons, finally got his chance to take over the number one spot

worked long hours together and, whenever possible, watched each other in action to give advice on the other's style.

# 'Nerves don't bother me'

says  
**Alex Williams**

when Corrigan signed for Seattle Sounders. It's a situation that still hasn't sunk in. Williams says: "It doesn't yet seem that I'm there in the first team 'keeper's spot."

"When I used to watch Joe from the terraces, I never even dared to think about one day following him into the team. I was a City fanatic of course and wanted to play for them. But it's been a long steady climb to the position I'm in now."

"I've served my time in the youth team and reserves and I've just steadily progressed. Although Joe had to leave before I got the job, I like to believe that I am in the side on merit and am good enough to cope."

Williams couldn't have chosen a worse time to come into the City side, with the team in desperate relegation trouble even before Corrigan's departure.

Williams himself hasn't let anybody down. But his defenders haven't given him all the protection he might have expected.

In a relegation dogfight, the pressures on a 'keeper are probably worse than those on anyone else. But luckily, Williams isn't affected by nerves.

He says: "I know it may sound strange but nerves don't bother me. I'm just lucky in that respect."

"I know that Joe was pretty nervous. For instance, he couldn't bear to watch when one of our players took a penalty. But that doesn't bother me, I keep my eyes open."

"I'm not too bothered about facing penalties, either. In fact I've got a pretty good record of saving them, perhaps because I'm positive about them."

Corrigan and Williams

Corrigan saw enough of his young successor to know that he was leaving the job in safe hands when he finally decided to quit his beloved City.

Corrigan says: "Alex is a very good 'keeper and I've no doubts about him doing a good job for the club."

"I've watched him improve and he's worked hard at his craft. He also proved he could do the job in the First Division during spells when I was out of action."

Now Alex is hoping to go on to win England international honours.

"It's everyone's dream to play for his country and I'm no exception. But it's not something I can let myself be occupied with at the moment," he says.

"Hopefully, a cap will come if I keep up

a good standard in the City first team. But I can hardly call myself established there yet."

One of Williams' biggest problems is having to follow a man like Corrigan, who was always City's most popular player with the fans.

There are bound to be a lot of comparisons made between the two, especially when Williams goes through a bad patch.

He is wise enough to know it. He says: "Obviously Joe was a big influence on me in training. We worked together and he gave me a lot of good advice. But when you go out on the pitch to play in a match you have got to be yourself. And I like to believe that I've got my own style."

With City's fight against relegation going on until their final game of the season against Luton, Williams is only now able to enjoy a break from the pressure which has built up on his young shoulders.

But the experience will have stood him in good stead and he'll kick off next season as an even better goalkeeper for City.

## LAUGH LINES

"I don't care if some guy from Wembley is after you — you're playing."



"Got me head stuck in the Wembley railings as a kid."



"You've got two minutes to go out and win the Cup... or else."



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

1. Extra floodlight. 2. Middle player now has a moustache. 3. Longer lens on camera. 4. Extra letter on sandwich board ad. 5. Middle player has thinner stripe on shorts. 6. Letter missing from camera. 7. Cable from camera moved. 8. Smaller roof on players' tunnel. 9. Front player has stripes on boot. 10. Middle player has extra finger showing.

## COMPUTER PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. Northampton Town. 2. £60,000. 3. Bob Paisley. 4. Wales. 5. Sixth.





## MARADONA KIDNAP SHOCK

"I WOULD have committed suicide," says Diego Maradona, "if anything had happened to my brothers."

The Barcelona star was back in Buenos Aires for a week's break when he drove his £65,000 BMW (it has a few extras!) to girlfriend Claudia's house.

Diego left the car at the kerb while he went to ring the doorbell, and three armed men promptly jumped into the car and drove off... with Diego's two brothers Raul and Hugo, plus cousin Carlos, still inside!

The thieves did a tour of the Argentine capital before abandoning the car and its three occupants in the suburbs of Buenos Aires, having previously relieved them of their watches and other items of value.

Diego's brothers returned home by bus, and all was well that ended well.

But Maradona's return home produced other unpleasant episodes, and Diego's belligerent attitude to local reporters won him quite a few slatings in the papers.

The Argentine superstar is now back in Barcelona trying to salvage at least a Cup or League Cup victory from what has been a disappointing season for the Catalan side.



## BLOOMING SHAME

A MAJOR surprise looked on the cards when Argentine striker Sanchez scored a goal for modest Bolivian minnows Blooming in their Copa Libertadores clash against mighty Flamengo in Brazil.

His goal came after just 26 seconds, and the Bolivians went absolutely berserk.

Unfortunately, Flamengo replied with seven goals, including a hat-trick from Zico.

ZICO's club, Flamengo, are entering the shirt advertising business. Potential sponsors — and there are many of them — will have to pay the Brazilian club around £700,000 a year.

GREEK First Division club Larissa are trying to persuade the Pole Jacek Gmocha to stay on as coach. An incentive is... a farm!



## BYE-BYE BETTEGA

JUVENTUS striker Roberto Bettiga took time off from the Italian club's European Cup final preparations to finalise his signing for Toronto Blizzard. Here he is with the Blizzard coach Bob Houghton, formerly with Bristol City. Bettiga leaves after the final.

## HAPPEL'S 100% RECORD

WITH Hamburg SV meeting Juventus in the European Cup Final, the record of HSV boss Ernst Happel against Italian clubs has come under scrutiny.

He has a 100 per cent record of success. In the European Cup of 1969/70 he led Feyenoord to an aggregate 2-1 win over AC Milan; in the UEFA Cup in 1973/74 he steered FC Bruges to a 3-2 success over AC Milan; in the European Cup of 1977/78 he took FC Bruges to an overall 2-1 win over Juventus and in the 1979/80 UEFA Cup his Standard Liege beat Napoli 3-2 over two legs.

He has also been boss of five teams in big finals, including Holland in the 1978 World Cup, but only once, in 1970, did he win with Feyenoord, 2-1 v Celtic and in the UEFA Cup Final last season HSV were beaten in the final by IFK Gothenburg of Sweden.

## DERWALL SAFE

WEST GERMANY'S 3-0 win in Turkey and 0-0 draw in Austria have made the future of coach Jupp Derwall safer. Derwall was under fire for some poor performances, although he has always been backed by skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

The Bayern Munich striker organised a routine shin supporting Derwall after a disappointing 0-0 draw with Belgium earlier this season.

MEXICO have suffered a minor setback to their World Cup plans. The stadium at Toluca has been rejected for World Cup matches because it does not offer sufficient security to the players. All other stadiums, however, have been approved.

FIORENTINA'S Argentinian star Daniel Passarella spent two days in a private clinic after the match against Verona — whose masseur hit him over the head with a thermos flask! Fiorentina have demanded an official League inquiry.

which will rule him out of their summer tour of Europe.

THANKS to Italy's Channel 5 TV, their fans will be able to see the film of the 1982 World Cup. Italy is the only one of the 24 finalist countries that has not signed a deal to show the film 'Gole' in cinemas, because, they say, it is too expensive.

## CZECHS' GET TOUGH

THE World Cup was a catastrophe in the opinion of the fans, Press and F.A. officials in Czechoslovakia.

Since then there has been an upheaval, with a new chairman of their football section of the CSTV (Sports Ministry) and also a new committee.

Then they set up a technical committee, headed by Milan Navara, an old official of Sparta Prague, and a commission of manager-coaches, chaired by Vaclav Jizek.

Medical and physical checks, first on internationals, then on all other players, were recently held, though the best managers will know which of their players do not train hard enough or are fit enough for a pitched battle lasting, perhaps, 120 minutes against an English or German club, without seeing the results of 100 metre sprints and 400 and 800 metres timings etc.

It is obvious that all the players really put themselves out in these tests in a way in which they do not always do in matches, for Czech League football is played at a much slower rhythm than, for example, in England or most of Western Europe.

The biggest surprise was an ultimatum that all First Division clubs must hold 14 training sessions every week, which would obviously mean training twice a day, even on match days. To comply with this new regime, the clubs have to train morning, afternoon and evening some days, to fit in the 14 sessions.



## Betis cut up after defeat

PETER BARNES' club, Betis, are about to receive a bill for £5,000 from Málaga. Betis had two men sent off during the regional clash at the Rosaleda Stadium and were unlucky to lose 1-0.

But Málaga officials were dismayed to discover after their departure that they seemed to have vented their anger on... the visitors' dressing-room!

Benches, plumbing and other fittings had been smashed and even the treatment table had been slashed with a knife.

## Simmo shines

ALLAN SIMONSEN played his first match for his new club (after Charlton), Vejle Boldklubben, before a crowd of 2,000 that braved the cold, snow and ice to see him score the first goal in a 2-1 win over Odense BK.

Then in the first Danish League match, Simonsen's presence, away to Koge BK, boosted the crowd from the average 1,600 to 6,000.

## British Championship Scotland v N.Ireland HAMPDEN PARK TUESDAY, MAY 24th.

NORTHERN Ireland travel to Hampden Park next Tuesday convinced that they can beat the Scots on their own ground for the first time in nine years.

Since Northern Ireland's last win there in 1974, they have played seven times at Hampden without further success.

Stoke City midfielder star Sammy McIlroy was a member of that 1974 Northern Ireland team and has played in all seven subsequent matches in Glasgow.

successive international match, and I don't think there can be many players who can boast that sort of record," says Sammy proudly.

"I've been very lucky with injuries, but that's been the case with the whole squad. We don't have many players to choose from, so we'd really be in trouble if we ran into a serious crop of injuries."

McIlroy believes that it is this continuity in team selection which has been the main reason for Northern Ireland's recent success.

"We've got one of the most settled teams in international football," he claims.

## McIlroy's 'proud' record

He says: "There is so much confidence in our camp right now that we will definitely be looking to win on Tuesday night."

"Our performances during last year's World Cup Finals and in our matches since have proved that we can hold our own in any company."

"We now go into every game with the firm belief that we have a good chance of winning."

It's nearly three years since McIlroy last missed a Northern Ireland game and on Tuesday night he'll be looking to add to his collection of 66 full international caps.

"This should be my 22nd

"All the players know each others' games inside out because we've played together so often."

"While England and Scotland have chopped and changed their teams from one game to the next in the search for the right balance, we've kept faith with the same players."

"Now we are reaping the benefits with consistent performances."

Has he found that opponents treat Northern Ireland with greater respect since their World Cup exploits?

"Definitely. I'm sure that Scotland manager Jock Stein will take our challenge very



seriously. "On that supposition, Scotland should be fielding their strongest possible team against us, but I don't think they will."

"I've heard reports that Jock Stein plans to use the British Championship to take a look at players who could possibly salvage something from the European

Championship, so it's likely that we'll find ourselves up against an experimental line-up."

"Even so, there are no bad players in international football. We won't be singling out any Scotsmen for special attention."

## 'Closely'

"The prospect of Charlie Nicholas making his second appearance in a Scotland shirt should help swell the crowd at Hampden, but we won't be watching him so closely that we'll allow other players like Kenny Dalglish to go unchallenged."

As a final warning to the Scots, McIlroy makes it crystal clear that the Irish will be playing with all their customary fire on Tuesday.

"We won't be using the British Championship as an opportunity to experiment."

"We aim to win the title and will be giving 100 per cent at Hampden. We know our best line-up and once we pull on those green jerseys will be going flat out for victory."

"We play every game seriously. Billy Bingham wouldn't allow it any other way."

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**CUP FINAL SPECIAL**

# PRIDE OF PITTODRIE



Alex McLeish (above) netted Aberdeen's first goal in last season's Final defeat of Rangers.

Striker Mark McGhee (right) celebrates his 28th birthday on the eve of the Final.

Far right: Stuart Kennedy, Aberdeen's lightning fast full-back.



John Hewitt (left) has proved an invaluable stand-in this season.

Classy young midfielder star Neale Cooper (right).



## COULD YOU COPE AS MANAGER OF A CUP FINAL TEAM?

**1** The team captain tells you the players want a bigger bonus or they will spread stories to the media about the stinginess of the club. Would you ...  
(a) Promise the players improved contracts if they win the Cup?  
(b) Tell your chairman to handle the situation?  
(c) Agree to pay the bonuses?  
(d) Organise a whip-round on the terraces?

**2** The players are unhappy with their personal ticket allocation even though you have given them the maximum allowed by the F.A. Would you ...  
(a) Tell them it's the supporters who deserve more tickets?  
(b) Arrange for them to buy another ten tickets each?  
(c) Introduce them to a ticket forger?  
(d) Ask the F.A. for permission to allocate more tickets to the players?

**3** A national newspaper refuses to donate any money to the players' perks pool but still want interviews and photographs. Would you ...  
(a) Bar their representatives from all Press facilities?  
(b) Have your picture taken eating fish and chips out of the newspaper?  
(c) Give them full co-operation but write a strong letter to The Editor?  
(d) Get on with your job and let them get on with theirs?

**THIS** exclusive SHOOT quiz will reveal whether you have the ability to cope as manager of a Cup Final team. Imagine that you have steered your side to the showpiece match of the season. Now your problems have just started! The following situations are the sort that could turn your Cup Final dream into a nightmare. How would YOU manage? Test yourself with these questions and then assess your capabilities as a manager with our special ratings chart ...

**4** Both BBC and ITV want to place a camera on your Wembley-bound coach but you consider it a distraction. Would you ...  
(a) Give facilities to the highest bidder?  
(b) Have a vote among the players as to what they want?  
(c) Tell the TV bosses they can film you getting on and off the coach?  
(d) Allow both cameras on and then pull the plugs out?

**5** Your star player is injured in a training session in the week of the Final and will miss the match. Would you ...  
(a) Call a Press conference and announce his replacement?  
(b) Break down and cry?  
(c) Try to keep the injury a secret until the day of the match?  
(d) Convince the player he should start the match?

**6** You decide for tactical reasons to drop an established first team player who angrily tells the media that he wants a transfer. Would you ...  
(a) Fine him and ban him from joining the squad on match day?  
(b) Understand his disappointment

and give him a quiet talking to?  
(c) Tell him he can go if he still feels the same after the Final?  
(d) Sell him to your Cup Final opponents?

**7** The team is bottom of the First Division and your chairman tells you that you will be sacked if they lose in the Final. Would you ...  
(a) Have a "Gissa Job" sign sewn on to your Wembley suit?  
(b) Send your players out with "win at all costs" orders?  
(c) Leak a story to the Press about the ultimatum?  
(d) Accept the situation and try to spread confidence to the players?

**8** Your centre-half commits a wild professional foul in the fifth minute of the Final and is sent-off. Would you ...  
(a) Relay new tactics to your captain as quickly as possible?  
(b) Let the players sort it out for themselves?  
(c) Send your centre-half back on disguised as a substitute?  
(d) Save your orders until half-time when there can be no confusion?

**9** The referee allows a crucial goal to stand against you when the scorer was obviously offside.

Would you ...  
(a) Make a mental note to strike off your Christmas card list?  
(b) Signal to your players to argue and get on with the game?  
(c) Shrug and accept that it's going to be your day?  
(d) Prepare a "we wuz robbed" statement for the Press?

**10** Seconds before the final whistle, you have a perfectly equalising goal ruled out. Would you ...  
(a) Congratulate the winning team and commiserate with the players?  
(b) Tell the referee exactly you think of him?  
(c) Join your players on a tear of honour and applaud your far side?  
(d) Dig a hole in the centre and bury yourself?

### CHECK YOUR RATING

- |         |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1...a)  | 5...b) | 3...c) | 1...d) |
| 2...a)  | 3...b) | 5...c) | 0...d) |
| 3...a)  | 1...b) | 0...c) | 3...d) |
| 4...a)  | 1...b) | 5...c) | 3...d) |
| 5...a)  | 3...b) | 0...c) | 3...d) |
| 6...a)  | 1...b) | 5...c) | 3...d) |
| 7...a)  | 0...b) | 1...c) | 3...d) |
| 8...a)  | 5...b) | 1...c) | 0...d) |
| 9...a)  | 0...b) | 5...c) | 1...d) |
| 10...a) | 5...b) | 1...c) | 3...d) |

If your score is 45 or more, you would manage very well.  
If your score is between 30 and 45, you would find it tough going at Wembley but you'd get by.  
If your score is less than 30, you need a good manager!



# WHAT AN OUT OF BOTTLE!



Luton striker Paul Walsh

**I**T'S taken Trevor Aylott a long time to make his mark in the First Division. Six years ago as a raw young striker with Chelsea he struggled, as did the team, against the Division One giants.

Aylott eventually joined Barnsley and became known as a good Second Division striker. But in the summer of 1982 he was released and joined Third Division Millwall for a fee of £150,000 set by a League Tribunal.

As Millwall skidded towards relegation Aylott must have wondered where his career was heading, but an injury to Luton's top scorer, Brian Stein gave Aylott the chance he'd waited for and he hasn't looked back since!

Hatters' manager David Pleat snapped him up for £30,000 on deadline-day and plunged the burly forward straight into another relegation battle — only this time two divisions higher.

Pleat says: "Aylott's contribution to our last dozen or so games of the season can't be praised enough. The lad's done awfully

well for us and the other players here admire him.

"At Chelsea he was a big, lazy, fat front-runner. Norman Hunter put him into a good system at Barnsley and must take a lot of credit for Trevor's development.

"At Millwall it was a constant battle for the boy. As you go down the League they tend to play less football and he probably found it more difficult to contribute.

"He's never looked like a fish out of water in the First Division with us. Trevor's an honest player who keeps going, we can hit him from anywhere and he'll control the ball; his skill should not be overlooked and he is tremendously brave inside the box."

No one appreciates Aylott more than England Under-21 striker Paul

Walsh. It may be Walsh who gets the glory at Luton, but he gives the credit to Aylott.

"I can't understand why he hasn't been a First Division player for years," says Walsh. "He's a class player who could have done a good job for someone, although I'm more than pleased it's us.

"I didn't see much of Trevor before he joined Luton and I'd never really played alongside a big striker as before. At Charlton it was usually Derek Hales, while at Luton it was Brian Stein before his foot injury.

"It didn't take me long to realise how good Trevor is. I haven't seen a player who kills the ball on his chest as cleanly as Trevor and for a big fellow he has excellent close control."

## 'Blame'

Aylott himself is quick to praise Walsh. "If he doesn't play for England for a long time he'll have only himself to blame. He's got the lot. The manager has compared him with Jimmy Greaves, but I see a touch of Kenny Dalglish in him.

"For myself, I'm delighted just to have contributed to our survival. People said I came out of the frying pan into the fire leaving one relegation team for another, but it was a different ball game being in the First Division."

Luton will be a better, more experienced team for this season's lessons. If they can sort themselves out defensively the strikeforce of Aylott, Walsh and Stein could be blazing a trail of goals in Division One next season.

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## Wembley Irish

SHOULD Manchester United defender Kevin Moran suddenly pass to Brighton winger Gerry Ryan at Wembley, on Saturday, don't be too surprised! They used to play together as schoolboys for the Rangers club in Dublin.

Incidentally, the F.A. Cup Final could have its greatest ever Irish representation this year. Apart from Moran and Ryan, the United and Brighton squads also contain Ashley Grimes, Frank Stapleton, Norman Whiteside, Tony McGrath, Michael Robinson, Tony Crookall, Sonny Nelson, Gary Howlett and Kieran O'Regan.

## 'PAISLEY FOR ENGLAND'

HIRE BOB PAISLEY! That's the advice of Ipswich boss Bobby Ferguson to his predecessor, England supremo Bobby Robson.

Ferguson says: "I know Bob has said he is retiring from his job at Liverpool and good luck to him. He deserves a rest. But it would be a tragedy if he was allowed to drift out of football completely.

"I was England manager. He still has a lot to offer and would be the ideal person to assess the many candidates for international places.

## MAC'S MAGIC SPONGE!

Sheffield Wednesday striker Andy McCulloch found himself with an unusual job after being left out of the side for the game at Oldham. Due to an injury to Wednesday trainer Tony Tomms, Andy volunteered to take over the sponge man's duties for the afternoon and was twice called into action to give relief to strikers team-mates.



## ARSENAL'S SCOTS TARGETS

ARSENAL are showing interest in Morton's Under-21 international defender Jock McLaughlin (left). Highbury chief scout Will Dixon and the club's Scottish representative Jim Florence have both been on spying missions to Cappielow recently.

Morton winger John McNeil has also caught The Gunners' attention and has been on trial at Highbury for the last month hoping to persuade manager Terry Neill to sign him on permanently.

## Doubles bonanza

A SURPRISE for all snooker fans watching the F.A. Cup Final build-up on ITV this Saturday.

World Champion Steve Davis is taking part in a unique mixed doubles challenge match for the Inter City Trophy and a prize of £20,000 at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Steve will be partnered by 21-year-old snooker pro Mandy Fisher. His Rotherham 'stable mate' Tony Meo is joined by Julie Islip.

Should make a welcome break.

## CYRILLE'S VOW

CYRILLE Regis is convinced that West Bromwich Albion will be a major force to be reckoned with next season.

Says the burly England striker: "We have had a lot of disappointments in recent months, but next season will be a different story.

"Albion are right on course for success, and if I didn't sincerely believe that I wouldn't have signed a new two-year contract.

"I have had a bad time with injuries, but so with nearly half the Albion first team this season.

"I'm particularly looking forward to striking up a regular partnership with Garry Thompson and can assure Albion's fans that the team will bounce back with a real vengeance next season."

## Inside football with MARK IRWIN

STOCKPORT boss Eric Webster warns celebrating fans not to race onto the pitch after a goal is scored — because it could cost their side points.

One fan did invade the field after Mike Quinn scored in the home match with Chester — who scored a late, late equaliser.

Says Webster: "They got their goal in the time the ref added on to allow for the spectator's interference. It cost us two points so I regard the fan's action as lunacy, not enthusiasm.

STOKE CITY have installed a £15,000 closed circuit TV system to try to prevent trouble outside the Victoria Ground.

## Kiss me quick!

BBC Match of the Day viewers wondering just who Birmingham defender Mark Dennis is pictured blowing kisses to in the programme's opening credits need guess no more.

The Blues full-back explained: "Whenever we play at Tottenham some old school mates stand in the same place. As I was waiting for a corner to be taken, they started shouting to me. I caught sight of them out of the corner of my eye and blew a kiss to return their joke! It was all in good fun but I have to admit that I never dreamed the cameras would catch my reply."

EIRE international Mickey Walsh, now completing his third year in Portugal with F.C. Porto, will be staying with the club for another three years.

Walsh recently signed a contract which he says would be: "The envy of any English First Division player."

SUNDERLAND are prepared to part company with striker Frank Worthington just six months after signing him from Leeds for £50,000. Although he still has a year of his contract to run, Frank has been told the club are ready to listen to any reasonable offer. Manager Alan Durban is thought to be unconvinced that Worthington's heart is truly in the club.

DESPITE the tremendous pressure in recent weeks on Scottish Cup Finalists Aberdeen, the Pittodrie squad have still managed to find time to raise £500 for Ian Cashmore, the 22-year-old former striker who broke his neck last year.

Donnie McIntyre, chairman of the Cashmore testimonial committee, said: "It speaks volumes for Aberdeen that they can still find time to help a fellow professional."

FORMER Scotland World Cup star Don Masson has moved into the world of management, taking charge at Alliance League Kettering Town. Current Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson started at Kettering, and Masson says: "I just hope I can emulate his managerial success."

## Stanton quits

HIBS manager Pat Stanton has resigned after a disagreement with chairman Kenny Waugh and didn't turn up for his side's Premier Division encounter with Motherwell at Fir Park.

However, after a chat with his chairman on the Sunday, Stanton who has been boss at Easter Road for eight months, changed his mind.

BOLTON plan to turn Burnden Park in a marathon runner's paradise this summer. The club are willing to allow the use of all training facilities to any 26-miler prepared to run alongside Wanderers boss John McGovern in aid of the Bolton Lifeline Society in the Addis British Marathon on August 2



## Happy Birthday

May 22 — George Best (Bournemouth) 37  
Paul Mariner (Ipswich) 30



May 23 — Gerry Armstrong (above, Watford) 25  
Wallace (Nottingham Forest) 27  
May 24 — Danny Craine (Celtic) 27  
Doug Rougie (Aberdeen) 21  
May 25 — Pat Bonner (Aberdeen) 27  
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**LEADING** Rangers on to the Hampden pitch on Saturday will be one of my proudest moments in football.

I can't explain the thrill I received when manager John Greig first told me he was making me captain. It made me feel so proud. It's a real honour to be skipper of such a fabulous club.

This will be the second time I have captained Rangers in a Hampden Final — I did so earlier in the season when we lost 2-1 to Celtic in the League Cup.

Now we're back at Hampden and this time I have every confidence that we will emerge as winners. Last season's Scottish Cup Final against The Dons was a bit of a nightmare. Everything went their way that afternoon. Let's hope the so-called luck of the Irish comes our way this time out.

A victory over Aberdeen would seal an amazing year for yours truly . . . remember I was part of the Northern Ireland team that shocked the world with our brilliant performances in Spain during last summer.

I came back from those Finals on a 'high' . . . I want to experience that feeling again after this game against Aberdeen.

It's going to be a very tough game. Aberdeen have so many good players, haven't they?

You can run through their team

and pick out exciting individuals such as Gordon Strachan, Peter Weir, Willie Miller, Alex McLeish and so on.

But you can do the same with this present Rangers side. I look around me and I see so many gifted and talented players.

Bobby Russell, in midfield, has been so unlucky with injuries this season, but when he plays to top form he is one of the best in Britain. Sandy Clark works well up front and Ally Dawson has played exceptionally well since moving to right-back.

Jim Bett is an international class midfielder player. He uses the ball so thoughtfully, but he can score goals, too.

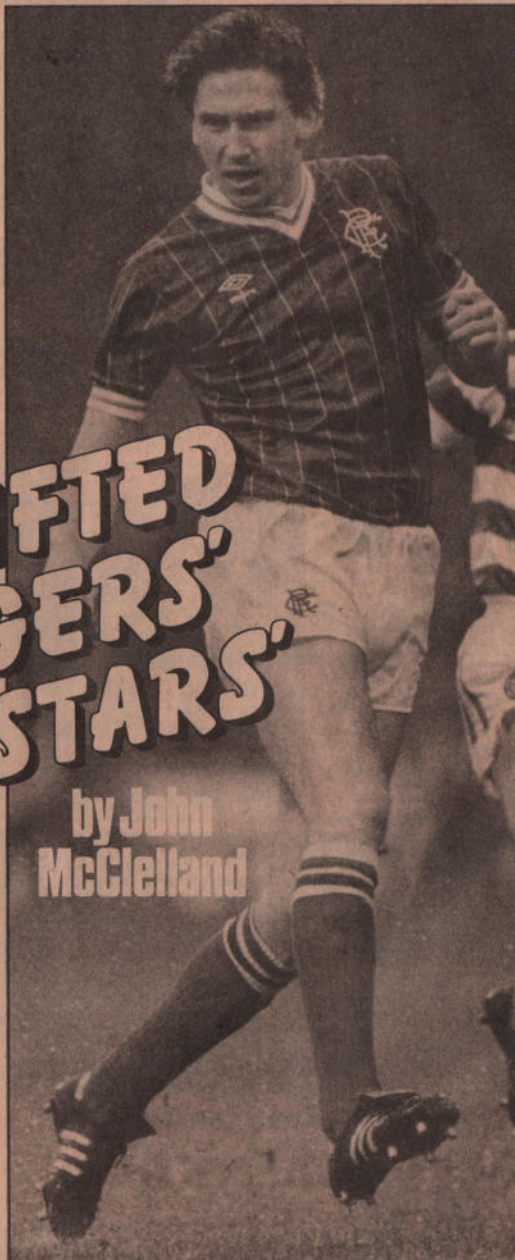
Peter McCloy has done brilliantly since coming back in goal. He's been rock-steady since his return.

Obviously I don't know which formation John Greig will field on Saturday, but I do know that every player who wears the light blue against Aberdeen will run until he drops in an effort to bring that Cup back to Ibrox.

I've sampled defeat at Hampden and didn't enjoy the experience one little bit. I'm determined to get my hands on that trophy on Saturday.

**TARTAN TALK**

**Spotlight on Rangers' Cup Final captain**



**'MY GIFTED RANGERS STARS'**

by John McClelland



Current Celtic boss Billy McNeill challenges Rangers' keeper Norrie Martin in the 1969 Final.

# FLASHBACK SCOTTISH CUP SENSATIONS

**A**BERDEEN and Rangers, Saturday's fierce competitors, have both been involved in amazing Cup shocks over the years.

Rangers figured in the sensation of all time when they flopped spectacularly to Berwick Rangers at Shieffield on January 28, 1967 . . . the blackest date in the history of the proud Ibrox outfit.

And three years after that, Aberdeen shook everyone when they beat mighty Celtic 3-1 in the Final. On the day of the game the odds on an Aberdeen success were 8-1 against!

Celtic had just beaten Leeds United in the European Cup Semi-Final and were once again talked about as the best team in Europe. However, they collapsed under the pressure from the eager Dons who found a matchwinner in winger Derek Mackay who rifled two shots behind a startled Evan Williams.

A year later Mackay was out of

St Mirren (stripes) took Rangers to a Semi-Final replay before bowing out.



**CUP FINAL SPECIAL**

Pittodrie . . . he had a disagreement with manager Eddie Turnbull over wages and the former iron-hard ruler of The Dons freed the player.

Scorer of the first goal that day was that so-consistent marksman Joe Harper, who recalls: "That was one of my favourite goals, even if it was from a penalty-kick."

"A journalist friend got me a blown up print of that picture and I hung it proudly over my bed. It used to put a smile on my face when I awoke each morning and the first thing I saw was that Cup Final goal."

Harper actually netted a hat-trick against Celtic in a League Cup Final a few years later, but this time he was on the losing side, the Parkhead side winning 6-3 in an astounding affair.

There was a shock, too, last sea-

son when The Dons and Rangers clashed in the Final. Rangers went ahead with a superbly-headed goal from John MacDonald.

But Aberdeen roared back in sensational fashion to equalise through Alex McLeish, take the game to extra-time and get additional goals from Mark McGhee, Gordon Strachan and Neale Cooper.

The previous year saw another 4-1 triumph — but this time Rangers' fans were smiling. They saw a Davie Cooper-inspired Ibrox outfit beat Dundee United in a rousing replay.

John MacDonald scored two glorious goals in a fine overall performance by the Ibrox side.

Actually, there was an amusing incident after the game when manager John Greig said his two-goal hero MacDonald had actually disobeyed orders from him.

"When we were 3-1 ahead I told John to help out his defence," recalls Greig. "But he pretended he couldn't hear me. Afterwards he told me he was enjoying himself so much that he wanted to score hat-trick!"

"For once I didn't mind being ignored by one of my players."

The opposing managers on Saturday, Greig and his former Rangers team-mate Alex Ferguson, have both been on the receiving end of shocks on Cup Final day.

**'Leading'**

Ferguson reflects: "I remember when I was at Dunfermline and we reached the Final against Celtic back in 1965. I was leading goalscorer at East End Park and thought I would be in the team."

"But the manager at the time, Willie Cunningham, decided to drop me. I felt dreadful at the time and I didn't feel any better after the game when Celtic had won 3-2."

"And my last game for Rangers was in a Scottish Cup Final, again against Celtic!"

"Davie White was the manager at the time and he told me to pay particular care to big Billy McNeill at corner-kicks. The game had barely kicked off when Celtic got a corner on the left, Bobby Lennox swung it over and McNeill headed



Aberdeen successfully shut out Celtic in this season's Semi-Final at Hampden.

## HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

### ABERDEEN

ROUND	OPPONENTS & VENUE	RES. SCORERS
3	Hibs (A)	4-1 Weir, Simpson, Watson 2
4	Dundee (H)	1-0 Simpson
5	Partick (A)	2-1 Cooper, Weir
S/F	Celtic (Hampden Park)	1-0 Weir
Scorers:	Weir 3, Simpson 2, Watson 2, Cooper 1.	

### RANGERS

ROUND	OPPONENTS & VENUE	RES. SCORERS
3	Falkirk (A)	2-0 Oliver (og), Kennedy
4	Forfar (H)	2-1 MacDonald 2
5	Queen's Park (A)	2-1 Dalziel, Cooper
S/F	St Mirren (Parkhead)	1-1 Clark
Replay	St Mirren (Hampden Pk)	1-0 Clark
Scorers:	Clark 2, MacDonald 2, Cooper 1, Dalziel 1, Kennedy 1, Own Goal 1.	

past our 'keeper Norrie Martin. "I wished there and then that the ground would open up and swallow me. Celtic eventually won 4-0 and I never kicked another ball for Rangers."

John Greig, who was a team-mate of Ferguson's that eventful day, also figured in another shocker against the Parkhead side . . . only this time Greig emerged as a victor in 1966.

Again the bookies made one of their rare blunders. They made Celtic red-hot favourites, but, in a dramatic replay, Kai Johansen wrote himself into the Ibrox history books with a wonderful first-time drive from just outside the penalty area.

On Saturday, Aberdeen will start favourites. Will the bookies get it wrong again? Watch this space!



**S**ANDY CLARK is only 90 minutes away from repaying Rangers for their £160,000 outlay to West Ham a couple of months ago.

The powerful, bustling striker netted the crucial extra-time winner in the Semi-Final against St. Mirren at Hampden and he's hoping for an action replay against The Dons.

"We beat them 2-1 in the League at Ibrox in our last meeting and I'm certain we can do so again," says Clark, an old-fashioned type of centre-forward the Rangers fans have taken to their hearts.

"It's bound to be a marvellous match and I realise only too well that I will have to work for all I get

## match - winner?

against two such tremendous centre-backs as Alex McLeish and Willie Miller.

"They do a thoroughly professional job in the Pittodrie rearguard and they have built up an almost uncanny understanding."

Ironically, Clark might have been playing for Aberdeen on Saturday against Rangers!

It looked as though he was Pittodrie-bound two seasons ago while he was scoring a mountain of goals for Airdrie. The deal, however, fell through at the last minute and he eventually transferred his talents to West Ham.

He scored ten goals for The Hammers and missed only one game through injury before Rangers boss John Greig

**T**HE yo-yo career of Aberdeen striker Mark McGhee has been on the up and up since he moved to Pittodrie in 1979.

And he has no hesitation in nominating last year's Scottish Cup Final as one of the most memorable of many big games in which he has played.

"It wasn't just the game, it was the whole occasion," he says. "There was the build-up, a huge crowd at Hampden and then the moment when we finally got our hands on the trophy. An experience I wouldn't mind repeating."

That's a timely reminder to Hampden opponents Rangers from The Dons' leading marksman whose form has shot him to the fringe of Scotland's senior international squad.

## CUP FINAL SPECIAL



persuaded him to bring his exciting marksmanship ability back to Scotland and the Premier Division.

"The boy is exactly the sort of player I have been looking for," says Greig.

## Rangers' match - winner?

"He is totally unselfish and gives his all for the team. He's a Rangers fan as well as a Rangers player and that makes for a good combination."

"No defence can rest when he's on the field. He's always liable to pop in a goal at any time."

Aberdeen certainly know all about the sharpness of Clark — he set up the winning goal for Jim Batt when Rangers beat the Pittodrie outfit 2-1 in that League encounter at Ibrox.

"I'm really looking forward to this game," adds Clark. "It means so much to me, the club and the fans."



## HAMPDEN STRIKERS

It was McGhee who broke the deadlock last year with the first goal in extra-time and he says:

## 'WE FEAR NOBODY' - Mark McGhee

"The Scottish Cup Final will always be a big occasion. Just because I've already collected a winner's medal doesn't mean I'm not looking forward to going back again."

"That goes for all the lads at Pittodrie. We've had a tremendous season but the main bonus is having been in the Final before and actually won the Cup."

McGhee is halted by Kilmarnock defender John McClurg.

Clark (left) in action against Morton recently.

McGhee's career got under way when he joined Bristol City as an apprentice shortly after leaving school. But he failed to make the grade and returned to Scotland a couple of years later to join Morton.

His goalscoring exploits for the part-time Cappielow outfit soon caught the attention and big-spenders Newcastle United paid £150,000 to take McGhee South of the border for a second time.

He only spent 15 months in Geordieland, however, before Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson moved in with an offer he couldn't refuse. And since his arrival at Pittodrie the tall striker hasn't looked back.

In 1981 he was named as Player of the Year by his fellow professionals and he now says: "I've been playing as well this season as I've ever done. I had one lean spell but I've been happy with my scoring record."

"It would be great to score in the Final, but as long as we win I won't mind who puts the ball in the net. We have so many players capable of scoring that the goals could come from just about any department of the team."

"It's a big occasion but the experience we gained last year will be invaluable. I don't expect any of our lads to freeze on the day."

"Rangers will be difficult to break down because they'll be determined not to lose this one. It's been a fairly lean season for them in the other competitions and this is their last chance to give their fans something to cheer about."

"We have a good record against Rangers in the past two or three years and we won't fear them. In fact, you could say we're confident!"

**T**HERE was a time when Jim Leighton would have been only too pleased to see Rangers win the Scottish Cup. But not any more.

Scotland's number one goalkeeper admits: "I used to be a Rangers fan as a kid and can remember seeing them win a few trophies at Hampden Park. But those days are long gone."

"I've even succeeded in converting the other Rangers supporters in my family towards Aberdeen, which is quite an achievement in itself. If I thought any of them were going along to cheer for Rangers I wouldn't let them have any tickets!"

like to see his side repeat the form that gave them a 1-0 win over Celtic in the Semi-Final.

He explains: "We really went at Celtic right from the kick-off and the start determined the rest of the game. They never really got into their stride after that and we got the goal we needed through Peter Weir."

"One of our biggest strengths is the way we go forward but we must also have the best pair of central defenders in the country in Alex McLeish and Willie Miller. They're a terrific partnership and I think I'm in a good position to judge."

Sandy Clark has been a good signing for Rangers. He was a good player before he went down

## 'DANGERMAN CLARK' warns Jim Leighton

Leighton, who beat off all other challengers for the international number one shirt vacated by Alan Rough last year, is in a confident mood as the big day approaches.

"We have reached the point as a team where we are entitled to fancy our chances against anyone," he says. "But that doesn't mean we aren't preparing ourselves for a real battle because we know just how determined Rangers will be."

"It's their only chance of ending the season with something to show for their efforts and they'll be going all out to gain revenge for the way we beat them in last year's Final."

"This is their eighth consecutive Scottish Cup Final and that's a tremendous achievement. Rangers are always a hard team to beat at any time and we're not going to Hampden thinking we are in for an easy 90 minutes."

Leighton, who moved to Pittodrie in 1977 from Ayrshire junior club Dalry Thistle, would

to West Ham but I think he's even better now. He's good in the air and represents a real goal threat. But he won't find it easy against Alex and Willie.

## HAMPDEN STOPPERS

**T**HE romance of the Scottish Cup is surely best illustrated in the case of Rangers' veteran goalkeeper Peter McCloy.

Jim Leighton for several European Championship games.

"But things really clicked into place for me after the turn of the year. Motherwell beat us 3-0 at Fir Park and John Greig dropped Jim and told me I was playing against Dundee United on the Saturday."

## McCloy glory after heartache

Only a few months ago the 36-year-old former Scotland international 'keeper was heading for the scrapheap.

"I thought I was in line for a free transfer at the end of the season," confesses the likeable McCloy. "Let's face it, Jim Stewart had played since the kick-off in August and I was alternating with young Andy Bruce in the reserves."

"Jim was also in Jock Stein's international plans and had been named as deputy to Aberdeen's

"Surprised? Shocked would be a better word! But I was delighted to get my opportunity and to cap a wonderful day won 2-1."

"I've been in ever since and I'm hoping to make the dream come true with a Cup winners' medal on Saturday."

McCloy has just signed a new one-year contract with the Ibrox club and manager Greig says:

"The way he has performed since coming back into the team earned him that contract."

"I feel we can go to Hampden without worrying about the tension because we have had so many big games in the past year. We've grown up a lot in football terms in that time."

"Also, with our other commitments at home and in Europe this season, we haven't had time to get worked up about

the game the way we might normally. Anyway, none of the lads are strangers to Hampden and they'll take it in their stride."

The Dons goalkeeper is happy that the club won't deviate from their normal routine for the big match. "We'll prepare for it the way we would for any game in Glasgow, travelling down on the Friday afternoon and just having that evening away from home," he says.

"This is how we prefer it. On one occasion we changed the routine we lost and we like to be with our families for as long as possible in any case. We'll have one full week without any other games and that's a welcome change after playing two games a week for most of the season."

"I'm confident we can beat Rangers again. The key issue is how well we play on the day, but we're going there to enjoy the occasion and that means winning."

"His consistency has been outstanding and his dedication and professionalism are quite incredible."

"The way Peter has played since January is obviously the main reason I have placed Jim Stewart on the transfer list."

Hampden holds no fears for McCloy, who adds: "I've enjoyed many games there and I've picked up a few medals along the way. I'm determined to add to my collection against Aberdeen."

"They are a fine side with so many good individuals, but we can do it."

"The Dons beat us 4-1 last season and everyone at Ibrox wants revenge for that result."

"Our team has changed fairly drastically from last season's game. Tommy McLean came on as a substitute and now he's our assistant manager!"

"Sandy Jardine played, too, and of course, he is assistant boss at Hearts these days. Alex Miller played as well and now he is in Hong Kong."

"So this is a whole new ball game. Last season's Final will have no bearing on this match whatsoever."





**CUP FINAL  
SPECIAL**



Sandy Clark has made an instant impact at Ibrox.

# Greig's GLORY HUNTERS

Below: Ally Dawson is revelling in his new role as right-back.

Skipper John McClelland is hoping to get his hands on the Scottish Cup.



Above: Bobby Russell, one of Rangers' unsung heroes.



Left: The ever-dependable Davie MacKinnon.



Battling Jim Bett, Rangers' exciting midfield star.

